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# DILLARD UNIVERSITY

Straight College chartered June 12, 1869  
New Orleans University chartered July 8, 1869  
Dillard University chartered June 6, 1930

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Dr. Michael L. Lomax

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# D. U. At A Glance

Sometimes, words can not express the events that occur on Dillard University's campus. Whether D.U. students are hanging out in the dorms, walking down the Avenue of Oaks, or just being silly, sometimes all it takes is one look. If it is true that "a picture is worth a thousand words," here are four thousand words worth of people, places, and the Dillard University family.



▲ Dillard University students waiting to see Amistad.



▲ Freshman **Brandi Griffin**, Freshman **Kristi Lawson**, Senior **Toyonna Robbins**, Freshman **Stephanie Vandenberg** and Freshman **Shanea Appling** attending Coronation 1997-1998.



▲ The "Jackson Crew" composed of Freshmen **Rashandra Howard**, **Keiuna Cropper**, **Lauren Burnett**, **Aurianne Lyons**, **Ivy Joyner**, **Veronica Dawson**, **L'Toya Jones**, **Brandy Bowden**, and **Kendra Larry** ATTEMPTING to throw the "J" sign.

◀ Mr. Brooks hard at work.



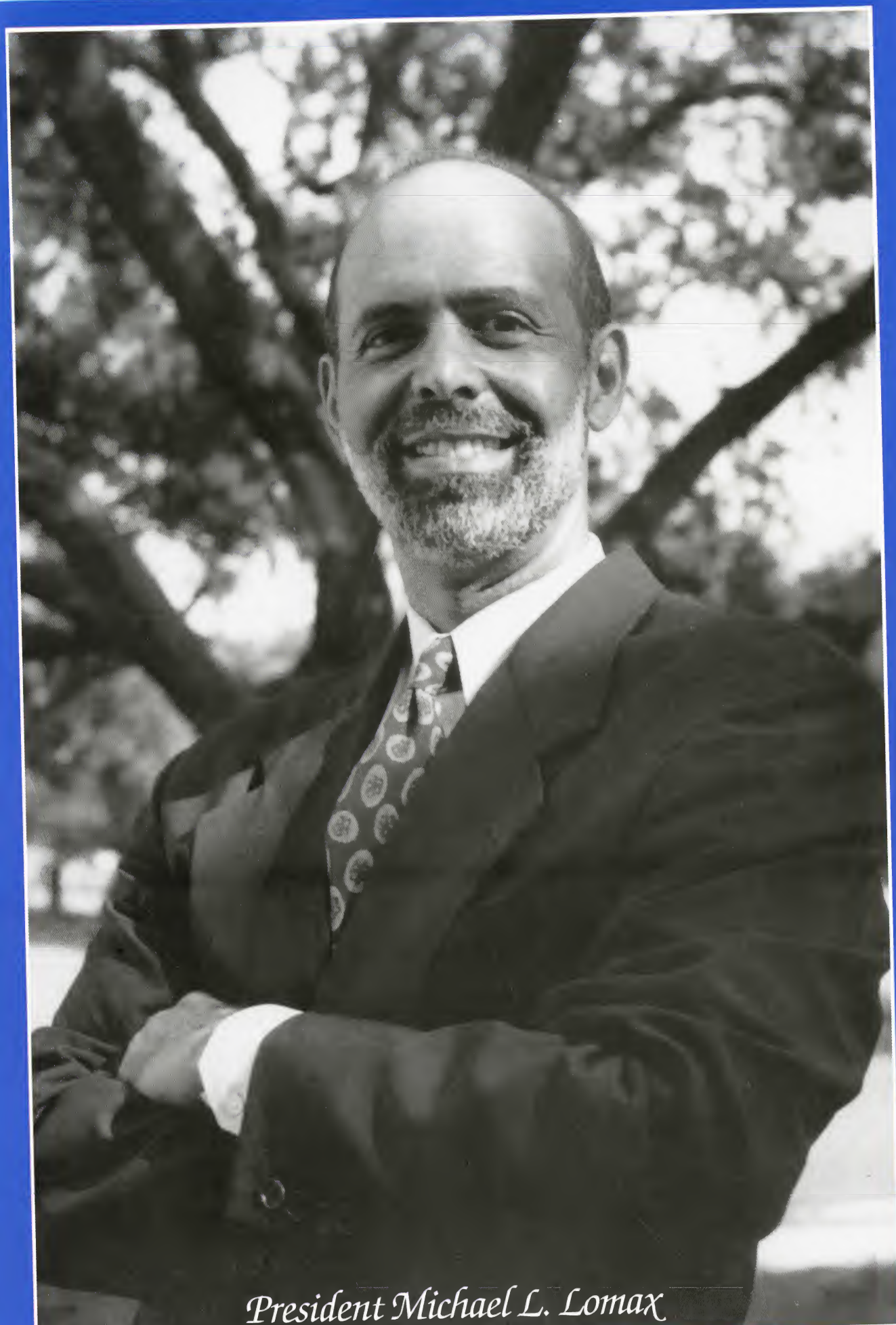
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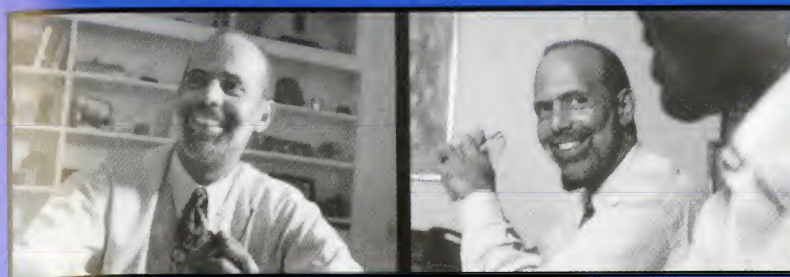
resident's corner...



# The Visionary of Tomorrow's Dillard



President Michael L. Lomax



◀ & ▼ President Lomax often meets with members of the student body in order to discuss campus concerns or upcoming events.



▲ The Lomax Family: Mrs. Cheryl Lomax, Dr. Michael L. Lomax, Deignan Lomax, and Rachel and Michelle Lomax.



◀ Dr. Lomax speaking with students before they head to class.

On July 1, 1997, Dillard University welcomed its seventh president, Dr. Michael L. Lomax. President Lomax's background spans 25 years as an educator, administrator, elected official, and entrepreneur. Most recently, he served as president of The National Faculty, a non-profit, nationwide organization that develops and implements programs to strengthen teaching in public schools. For more than two decades, Dr. Lomax taught English at Morehouse College, Spellman College, Emory University, the Georgia Institute of Technology, and the University of Georgia. His public service career, which began in 1973, includes election to the board of commissioners of Fulton County (Georgia) in 1978. He served as chairman of that body from 1981 until his resignation in

1993. During his tenure on the board, the county enjoyed a period of unprecedented growth and expansion. Dr. Lomax is a graduate of Morehouse College and earned a master's degree in English Literature at Columbia University and a doctorate in American and African-American Literature at Emory University. On his quest to transform Dillard into one of the finest historically black colleges in the nation, Dr. Lomax stated, "Five years from now, we hope and fully expect Dillard to be listed in all of the national publications as one of the best buys in higher education anywhere in the United States."

(Source: Dillard Today, Volume 1, Issue 1, March 1998)



▲ The President's House is located on the east section of campus. President Lomax and his family currently reside in this home which was partially renovated in the fall of the 1997-1998 academic year.

## Dillard Accomplishments Initiated By President Lomax:

- Debt restructuring approved by the Dillard University Board of Trustees
- \$26.5 million bond financing insured by AMBAC for campus improvements
- Senior administrative cabinet established
- Comprehensive capital improvements plans developed
- Food services upgraded
- Campus landscaping enhanced
- Student registration and financial aid procedures simplified
- Recruitment goals established



# University Assembly



▲ Dillard University students walk and mingle on the way to Assembly. The University Assembly program gives students the chance to come together as a community.

"Many students come to the office after assembly, [and assembly] helped expose the Placement Office to many freshmen and sophomores. It is definitely a plus!"

**-Jonnie Estell**  
Director of  
Placement Office



▲ University Assembly introduces Dillard students to various aspects of the community. Above, local teachers are being honored during Assembly.

"The University Assembly is designed to stimulate general cultural development and expose students to a variety of special and unique experiences, programs, events, and leaders."

**-Janice Bartley**  
Vice President of Student Affairs

University Assembly is a weekly one hour session, held in the Lawless memorial Chapel, that is designed to expose students to numerous special events, activities, and experiences. Each student receives one credit hour per semester for attending Assembly. World-renowned figures have stood before the podium and graced the Dillard family with their presence and inspiring words. Speakers such as Martin Bernal, Gwendolyn Brooks, and Dr. Karen L. Drake have bestowed life experiences upon the ears of Dillard University students. Campus organizations such as the Concert Choir, University Choir, Dance Ensemble, and University Orchestra have all performed at Assembly under the critical eyes of their peers. The purpose of University Assembly as stated in the Dillard University catalogue is "to strengthen the process and content of campus communications, reinforce and supplement the instructional program, deepen and bolster the frame and vision of personal responsibility and personal identity, heighten the sense of human community and common bonds, and motivate and inspire students to the higher possibilities of learning and life.

▼ Lawless Memorial Chapel is filled every Tuesday with Dillard University freshmen and sophomores.



student life...





# Dorm Life...

## A Home Away From Home

"I've found that living in the dormitory atmosphere is a character building experience."

-Anonymous

► Chemistry does not stand a chance against the collected efforts of Freshman **Tene Cain** and Sophomore **Leo Christopher** as they study in Straight Hall. Students use the lounge to conduct study groups for various subjects in preparation for exams.



Dorm life is an important aspect of the college student's transition from home to college. The dormitory is a place that is nothing like home, but in reality, is home for nine months out of the year. The student must adjust to sharing facilities with people other than family members, limiting his or her noise level, and settling in an allocated amount of space. Although the transition is not always easy, the student eventually adapts to the surrounding environment and makes innumerable friendships that will last a lifetime. Howard House, Hartzell, Straight, and Williams Halls are the four female dormitories on our campus. Straight and Williams Halls are freshmen dormitories while Hartzell Hall and Howard House are reserved predominately for the upperclassmen. Camphor Hall is the only male dormitory, and it houses both freshmen and upperclassmen. In the past, Howard House was used to house guests, but it was re-established in the Fall of 1997 as a student dormitory as a result of the over flow of the 1997-1998 Dillard University freshmen class.

▼ As a gesture of friendship, Freshman **Tamara Ellis** gives her roommate, Freshman **Michelle Jenkins** a hug while in their room in Williams Hall. Some of the strongest friendships are found amongst college roommates.



► After a full day of classes, Junior **Justin Roberts** takes a nap on one of the couches in Camphor Hall. It is not uncommon to find students "resting their eyes" while relaxing in the homely surroundings of their dormitory lounge.



◀ While sitting in Howard House channel surfing, Junior **Syreeta Williams** catches Senior **Carla Edmonson's** attention when she begins to express her views of Jerry Springer's latest show. Laughter can be heard all around campus at 3:00 PM when students convene in the lounges to watch *Jerry Springer*.

▼ Freshman **Carolyn Wesley** and her colleague discuss an issue after attending one of Straight Hall's dormitory meetings sponsored by **Mrs. Juanita Lang**--a new addition to Straight Hall's staff. Mandatory weekly meetings are held in Straight Hall to discuss dorm activities with the residents.





# Friendships at Dillard: Outstretched Hands

Dillard University is characterized by more than just the "gleaming white and spacious green," as our alma mater suggests. It transcends the knowledge gained from hours of class spent in Stern or Rosenwald Halls. The Dillard "experience" is ultimately made real and personal as a result of the life-time bonds and friendships forged between students. It is partying, sharing, and laughing with those individuals that we love, when so many of us are far from home. It is the confidantes that we find in classmates, roommates, and peers. Friendship is an exercise in the goodness of the human spirit and Dillard University is alive with goodwill and is alive with the sentiment that a life-time is not too long to live as friends. The love found in commonality and the acceptance found in diversity- friendship at Dillard University.



▲ Unique and always innovative, close friends, Freshman **Shirah Ray** and Sophomore **Previn Butler** are eager to be captured on film.



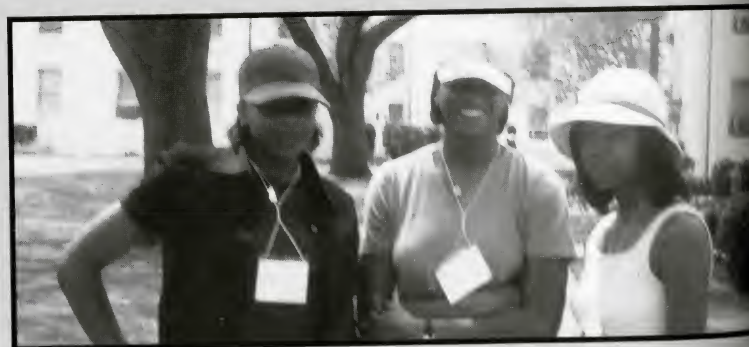
▲ The South Side is in full effect, taking time to pose after Xavier's Spring Fest, Freshmen **Darnell Anderson**, **Aurianne Lyons**, **Benjamin Moore**, **Erica Mercer**, **E'dwina Williams**, **Tracey Conner**, and **Jamal Bey**.



▲ California meets Shreveport, as evidenced by the close friendship of Sophomores **Previn Butler** and **Zach Lott**.



▲ Freshman **Zachary Williams**, Sophomore **Malika Taylor**, and Freshman **Cayle Mortimer** enjoy crawfish and each other's company.



▲ The best of friends, Sophomores **A'Lisha Mixon**, **Shenessa Avila**, and **Candice Morgan** can always be found within close proximity to one another.



▲ Freshmen **Valandra German** and **Ayauna Wright** are all smiles as they enjoy a hot, spring afternoon.

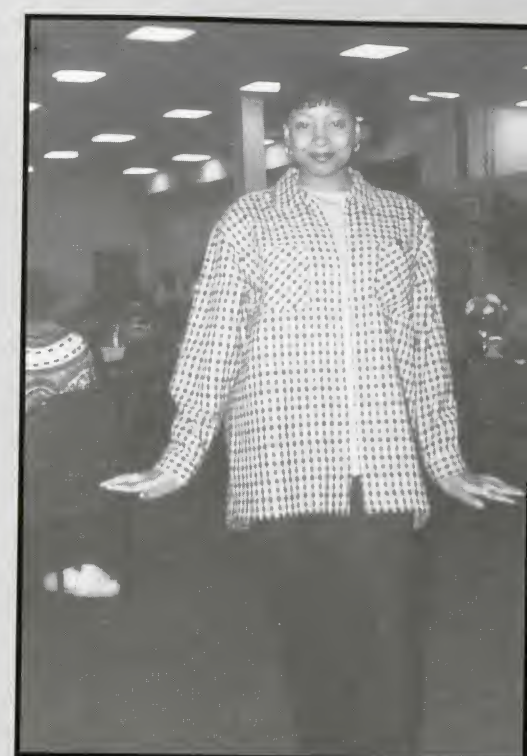
# Campus Activities



▲ Freshmen **Tamara Ellis** and **Michele Jenkins** attempt to "vogue" for a quick snapshot after Cafe Noir.



▲ Freshman **Alicia Sykes** poses while munching on nachos while Freshman **Robin Burnett-Wynn** stares off into the crowd during the SUNO-Dillard basketball game.



▲ Freshman **Melissa Jones** tries to display a touch of class during Midnight Breakfast in the Cafeteria.



▲ Junior **Nichole Perkins** lets her creative vibes flow during one of her many appearances at Cafe Lit in Kearny Hall Lounge.



▲ One of our talented juniors, **Ta'Shon Bryant** takes to the mic with his jazzy poetry lyrics during one of the "action-filled" Cafe Noir spotlights.



▼ Freshman **Africa Harris** attempts to play "dee-jay" during the Xavier/Dillard home game.



▲ "We Be Clubbin'" is the expression for the night as Freshmen **Robin Burnett-Wynn**, **Erika Hatcher**, and **A'Ja Truss** head out to another Thursday night House of Blues affair.



▲ Give me Love! is the vibe Junior **Marcus Howard** is attempting to give while Sophomores **Jason Broussard**, **Tre Brown**, and **Jason G.**

Here at Dillard University, campus life means everything. That is why the Student Arts Committee and the Student Government Association try to keep so much going on. From going to "step-shows" mid-night breakfast, Cafe Noir, and parties, Dillard students try to remain busy and active.





# Women of Excellence

On March 26, 1998, the men of the Beta Gamma chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., saluted Dillard University's "Women of Excellence" to celebrate women's month. The honorees received a plaque and an award for their excellent service here at Dillard and in the community.



▲ Award recipients **Rachel Mercadel, Linda Nash, and Janice L. Bartley**, pose together before the ceremonies begin.



▲ Vice President for Student Affairs **Janice L. Bartley** receives and award present by **James Dixon and Tony Boykin**.



▲ Guests get a bite to eat before the ceremony begins.



▲ Attendants and recipients chat over their appetizers.

## Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Women of Excellence Honorees:

Janice L. Bartley  
Janice Burrell  
Dr. Judy Carter  
Valeda Collins  
Virginia Corderly  
Jacquelyn Coston  
Cheryl Dixon  
Dr. Gerri Elie  
Johnni Estell  
Adrian Gill  
Cheryl Lomax  
Rachel Mercadel  
Linda Nash  
Annie Payton  
Dr. Barbara Thompson



graduating class of 1998...





# Graduating Class of 1998

Dillard University's Graduating Class of nineteen hundred and ninety-eight has invested years of dedication and hard work toward a mutual goal--becoming educated college graduates. By attending a liberal arts university, members of this graduating class have become broadly educated, culturally literate, and competent enough to meet the competitive demands of their chosen professions. Despite various and daunting challenges such as student loans, senior comprehensive exams, and completing applications for graduate or professional schools, the graduates have successfully completed their collegiate career at Dillard University.

With these things in mind, it is with great pride and pleasure that Dillard University introduces, congratulates and wishes continued success to the elite members of the 1998 Senior Class.



Otis Anderson  
B.S. Biology/Premedicine



Nicole Wagner-Banks  
B.A. Sociology/ Social Welfare



Tamika Bridges  
B.S. Biology



Leonardo Brown  
B.A. Economics



Torri D. Buckles  
B.A. English



Tonia F. Butts  
B.S. Biology



Kevin Carter  
B.S. Biology/ Premedicine



Keren S. Charles  
B.A. Mass Communications



Cedric Cloud  
B.S. Biology



Latashia Cole  
B.S. Public Health Administration



Leslie C. Connor  
B.S. Public Health



Shawntell Crossgrow  
B.A. Mass Communications



Rae Ann Cyprian  
B.S. Public Health



Andrea Dandridge  
B.A. Business



J'val Dapremont  
B.S. Public Health Administration



Austin Davis  
B.S. Physics



Stacy Davis  
B.A. Sociology/ Criminal Justice



Nelson Demery  
B.A. English



Angela Dennis  
B.A. Psychology



Roger D. Dickerson, Jr.  
B.A. Mass Communications



Randell Donald  
B.S. Biology/ Premedicine



Dana Duncan  
B.S. Health Systems Management



Tanzy Eaglin  
B.A. English Education



Carla Edmonson  
B.A. Psychology



Sherrelle Evans  
B.A. Accounting



Keisha R. Felton  
B.S. Biology



Tareze Fontenot  
B.S. Public Health



Tamica Ford  
B.A. Psychology

"Being a part of the distinguished class of 1998 is an esteemed honor. Graduating from Dillard is a major accomplishment, and I would not trade life lessons I have learned here at Dillard for anything in the world!"

-Andrea Dandridge





Raashand Frazier  
B.S. Public Health



Shekeena Gaither  
B.A. Criminal Justice



Sholanda Gilyard  
B.S. Accounting



Daisy Grimes  
B.S. Accounting



Kaylen Jervis  
B.A. Social Studies Education



Akosua Johnson  
B.S. Biology



Kandice Johnson  
B.S. Accounting



Ryan Johnson  
B.S. Biology



Tanisha Guy  
B.A. Psychology



Raschanda L. Hall  
B.A. Mass Communications



Roderick Hall  
B.A. Economics



Nichole Hope  
B.S. Public Health



Walter Johnson, III  
B.A. Economics



Brandon Jones  
B.S. Accounting



Chantyle August-Jones  
B.S. Public Health



Ronda Jones  
B.A. Accounting



Gale Huddleston  
B.A. Criminal Justice



Robin Huff  
B.S. Accounting



Ray A. Humphrey II  
B.A. Business



Dwan Hunter  
B.S. Public Health



Whitney Joseph  
B.S. Accounting



Farai Kadzirange  
B.S. International Business/ French



Kronsky Kennon  
B.A. Sociology/ Criminal Justice



Cecily Lacey  
B.A. Psychology



Arconia T. Jackson  
B.S. Public Health



Frank Jackson  
B.A. Sociology/ Social Welfare



Toishia Jamison  
B.S. Public Health Administration



Dionne Jean  
B.S. Public Health



Patrice Lacy  
B.A. Business Management



Anthony LaPierre  
B.S. Accounting



Marcy Lewis  
B.S. Public Health



Mario Lewis  
B.S. Public Health





Tina Lumas  
B.S. Public Health Education



Naturo L. McCarty  
B.S. Business Management



Jennifer D. McClain  
B.S. Computer Science



LaKenya D. McClelleny  
B.S. Accounting



Dana McDonald  
B.S. Mathematics/ Computer Science



Shirlean McEwen  
B.S. Biology



Verlisa McKenzie  
B.A. Sociology/ Social Welfare



Shonna McQuarter  
B.A. Business Management



Joseph Melton  
B.A. Business Management



Micheline Millender  
B.A. Psychology



Andrick Miller  
B.S. Public Health



Danielle Mitchell  
B.S. Physics



Monica Moore  
B.S. Public Health



Christie Morris  
B.S. Public Health



Adrienne Mustiful  
B.A. Psychology



Larry Napoleon  
B.A. History



Monica Parker  
B.A. Mass Communications



John R. Patterson  
B.S. Biology/ Premedicine



Latricia Pellette  
B.A. Psychology



Meca A. Pierre  
B.A. English



Catisha Powell  
B.S. Biology



Katrice Price  
B.A. Sociology/ Social Welfare



Margaret Price  
B.S. Public Health



Dionne Raymond  
B.S. Public Health Administration



Toyonna Robison  
B.A. Sociology/ Social Welfare



Matthew J. Robertson  
B.S. Public Health



Victor G. Robinson  
B.S. Accounting



Zarvonja Robinson  
B.A. Psychology



Calvin Russ  
B.A. Business Management



Angela Scott  
B.S. Biology



Gavina Scroggins  
B.A. English



Kelsan Shaw  
B.A. Mass Communications

"Have an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and a longing which only your true love, the Lord God can soothe. Don't take your gifts and blessings for granted, for the Creator has a master plan. Peace and happiness for every woman and man, and most importantly, don't forget the ancestors on whose shoulders you stand."  
-Keshia D. Odoms





*Ebony M. Shelton*  
B.A. Psychology



*LaKeshia Singleton*  
B.S. Public Health



*Carlton Slack*  
B.S. Accounting



*Crystal M. Smith*  
B.A. History



*Michelle R. Smith*  
B.S. Biology



*Valorie Spivey*  
B.A. Psychology



*Yvette Stevens*  
B.S. Accounting



*Carla Stribling*  
B.S. Public Health



*Darlene Thomas*  
B.A. Business Management and  
the Arts



*Edgar Thomas*  
B.S. Computer Science



*Lakeisha Thomas*  
B.A. Mass Communications



*Shana Tillie*  
B.A. Business Management



*Walter T. Tillman Jr.*  
B.A. English



*Adria Tippins*  
B.A. Criminal Justice



*JaMone Turner*  
B.A. Economics



*Shaundra Vaughins*  
B.S. Public Health



*Sean E. Washington*  
B.S. Public Health



*Shantel Watson*  
B.A. Sociology



*Tamekia Wherry*  
B.A. Criminal Justice



*LaDonna White*  
B.S. Political Science



*LaNaya Wilkins*  
B.S. Public Health Administration



*LaTasha R. Williams*  
B.A. Psychology



*Nicole Williams*  
B.A. Business Management



*Jamaal Wilson*  
B.S. Accounting

#### Graduating Seniors Not Pictured...

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|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Elizabeth Abakah | Latosha Barnes   | Shalonda Breuox    | Temetra Christan   |
| Kyntoshia Abner  | DeCarla Barrow   | Clarence Brooks    | Tenille Christophe |
| Mara Acosta      | Adraine Bartley  | Betajohmarie Brown | LaNel Clark        |
| Joy Alexander    | Rukiya Bates     | Cristopher Brown   | Trenise Clark      |
| Michael Allen    | Sarah Bechet     | Kelley Brown       | Harold Clay        |
| Shelly Amos      | Ke'Wanda Bell    | Latoya Brown       | Nikeshia Cliff     |
| Camille Anderson | Conrad Bellard   | Nikia Brown        | Kelandus Consenta  |
| Tracy Anderson   | Pia Betts        | Bonnie Bryant      | Johnny Covington   |
| Rory Askin       | Stacie Bland     | La'Verne Bryant    | Nathelle Daniels   |
| Tammie Backot    | Michele Booker   | Chitaun Burton     | Karrez Dansby      |
| Cherica Bailey   | Tontacion Bowers | Tamira Bush        | Walisa Davenport   |
| Mark Baker       | Natasha Bosworth | Harold Cade        | Darrell Davis      |
| DeLanie Banks    | Rita Bougeois    | Robert Carrier     | Terri Davis        |
| John Banks       | Tamara Boutte    | Sean Carter        | Treniese Davis     |
| Cornell Barbain  | Shaneka Bradford | James Cavalier     | Monica Delaney     |
| Kiandre Bardell  | Danielle Bragg   | Kainsha Chatman    | Cheryllette Dewey  |



*Sondra Wilson*  
B.S. Public Health Administration



*Lillian Wood*  
B.S. Public Health Administration

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|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Courtney Dickerson | Leslie Ellard   | Ericka Goudeau           | Brandy High      | Kvame Johnson    | Keisha Laurent   | Kinshasha Magee    |
| Nina Domingue      | Quatrice Ellis  | Orenthal Goudia          | Jacquel Hill     | Lashonda Johnson | Nijja Laurent    | Jatima Marsch      |
| Marlon Dominique   | Francis Everett | Alta Grant               | Tyra Hinton      | Lyisha Johnson   | Shelby Lazenby   | Sabrina Martin     |
| Latoya Dominique   | Debra Harzande  | Erika Green              | Maita Hogan      | Michelle Johnson | Danielle Lee     | Candice Matthews   |
| Rafaela Dorsey     | Debra Elder     | Donnie Guillory          | Kendra Hope      | Yolanda Johnson  | Lenell Lee       | Harold Mayberry    |
| Tawana Dorsey      | Debra Elder     | Matthews Hagan           | Vinette Hornsby  | Lyinora Jones    | Rhessa Mays      | Rickey Mays        |
| Tolonda Dotson     | Debra Elder     | Deirdre Hall             | Alexandra Howard | Timothy Joseph   | Kiana Leon       | Sheritta McElveen  |
| Curtis Doucette    | Debra Elder     | Adia Hanson              | Marcus Howard    | Preival Kane     | Ashanti Lewis    | Shonda McField     |
| Candice Dorced     | Debra Elder     | Anjanetta Harrell-Irving |                  | Ingrid Keller    | Deneda Lewis     | Christopher McGee  |
| Nedra Dubucley     | Debra Elder     | Antonia Harris           | Nakita Hubbard   | Alvin King       | Kim Lewis        | Teresa McKay       |
| Sonia Duckworth    | Debra Elder     | Cynthia Harris           | Charnette Hunter | Gillian King     | Saeed Ali Lewis  | Anita Meilleur     |
| Gregory Dunn       | Debra Elder     | Eugenia Harrison         | Sandra Irons     | Kellie King      | LaJuan Londo     | Alphonse Mendy     |
| Shelton Duplessis  | Debra Elder     | Baheejah Hasan           | Taneeka Jackson  | Michael King     | Euricka Lowe     | Lakita Mingo       |
| India Dyer         | Debra Elder     | Kimberly Haydel          | Aziza Jamerson   | Michael King     | Tamin Lowe       | Tiffany Mitchell   |
| Idamae Ebanke      | Debra Elder     | Anitra Hayes-Williams    | Tasheema James   | Renee Landry     | Keila Luke       | Cindy Moffett      |
| Terris Edgington   | Debra Elder     | Rachel Heaston           | Sheryl Jenkins   | Tynia Landry     | Keya Luke        | Kiantha Monconduit |
| Adam Edelstein     | Debra Elder     | Fred Henry               | Courtney Jessie  | Nia Lassere      | Nicole Lumar-Cox | Luther Montgomery  |
| Anita Edelstein    | Debra Elder     | Candice Hicks            | Julie Johnson    | Laila Lateef     | John Lund, Jr.   | (cont. on page 27) |

*"I feel a sense of joy and accomplishment, having completed years at Dillard University, and it truly has been a rewarding experience.."*

- LaKenya D. McClenty



# Division of Nursing

The Division of Nursing was established in 1942 and became the fifth academic division of Dillard University. Under the leadership of Miss Rita E. Miller, the Division of Nursing developed into a nationally and internationally recognized baccalaureate program with the distinction of being the first National League for Nursing (NLN) accredited program in the state of Louisiana.

-Nursing Handbook



Edith L. Anderson  
B.S. Nursing



Kevin Badon  
B.S. Nursing



Kimberly D. Jones  
B.S. Nursing



Tammara Lee  
B.S. Nursing



Deatrice Linyear  
B.S. Nursing



Cheryl Miller  
B.S. Nursing



Tameka Blackstone  
B.S. Nursing



Monique Brimmer  
B.S. Nursing



Latoya Brown  
B.S. Nursing



Carmelita Bunzy  
B.S. Nursing



Tristan Perkins  
B.S. Nursing



Keithen D. Potts  
B.S. Nursing



Tanya Price  
B.S. Nursing



Genene Starks  
B.S. Nursing



Latarsha Cooper  
B.S. Nursing



Melante Dellhoue  
B.S. Nursing



Johanna Edwards  
B.S. Nursing



Thais Fryson  
B.S. Nursing



Donnell Wells  
B.S. Nursing



Corice Williams  
B.S. Nursing



Carolyn Wilson  
B.S. Nursing



Yolande Wilson  
B.S. Nursing



Arsenia Harrison  
B.S. Nursing



Eugenia Harrison  
B.S. Nursing



Keena Holden  
B.S. Nursing



Melissa Jacquet  
B.S. Nursing



Kellie Winfield  
B.S. Nursing



Debra Wise  
B.S. Nursing



Shawanda Young  
B.S. Nursing

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Melissa Montgomery | Ebony Price         |
| Damali Moore       | Carlton Prophet     |
| Ruth Murillo       | Takiya Provo        |
| Nicole Narcisse    | Chantelle Randell   |
| Gregory Nathan     | Thise Ratcliff      |
| Amos Nolan         | Nakia Rawles        |
| Tiffany Norflin    | Safariah Redmond    |
| Shantrell Odoms    | Sholian Reed        |
| Kesha Odoms        | Eric Reese          |
| Jolene Ostendorf   | Tanika Reese        |
| Gay Parker         | Michelle Reed       |
| Duane Parson       | Marla Reissland     |
| Toi Patin          | Elkedria Richardson |
| Martin Perdue      | Krishna Richardson  |
| Gretchen Phillips  | Randal Riley        |
| Delisha Pierre     | Lindsay Robertson   |
| Samara Pierre      | Geri Robinson       |
| Scarlet Pollard    | LaShundra Robinson  |

"Success comes with faith. Trust in God, yourself, and the power of unity!"

-Keena T. Holden



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

Graduating from college is an exciting prospect that words simply cannot express. While many members of the graduating class are special in their own respect, there is a distinguished group of seniors who have received outstanding honors throughout their college days, and face extraordinary career opportunities after graduation. The Senior Spotlight pages allow these seniors to be recognized by the Dillard University family, and by the underclassmen who may one day be bold enough to follow in their footsteps.



**Keisha R. Felton**

A Birmingham, Alabama, native, Felton is a Biology major. Her future plans are to attend graduate school and obtain a Ph.D. in Cellular Molecular Biology. While at Dillard, Felton worked for the Saturday Science Academy and was honored as Miss Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.. During her time at Dillard, Keisha received the National Deans List Award and the National Scientist award.



**John Patterson**

Patterson is a Biology major who has a vision to become a physician of the next millenium. After graduation, he plans to attend Meharry College for medical school. Patterson thanks Biology teacher Dr. Adeboye for enhancing his love of biology through his teaching of Microbiology.



**LaKenya D. McClenty**

A Canton, MS, native, McClenty is an accounting major who plans to pursue a career as a field auditor with Blue Cross Blue Shield of MS. At Dillard, McClenty was involved in NABA, Society of the Advancement of African American Males in the 90's and Beyond and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. LaKenya encourages individuals to be strong-minded and surround themselves with positive forces.



**Ryan Johnson**

A native of Indianapolis, Indiana, Johnson is a Biology Pre-medicine major. Upon graduation, Johnson plans to attend Indianapolis University School of Denistry and will pursue a career in the Navy. A member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Ryan enjoys weightlifting, playing basketball, and working with children.



**LaNaya Wilkins**

A native of New Orleans, Wilkins majored in Public Health Administration. Wilkins treasures the Black family being that she grew up in a home with traditional values and as a final note says, "I like to thank my parents and family for their constant support and prayers!"



**Kevin Badon**

Badon, a Nursing major, encourages other nursing students to "hang in there and don't give up," because that drive and determination is what helped him through college. After graduation, Kevin plans to venture to Hawaii for a vacation, and upon his return to New Orleans, will enter the work force as a Registered Nurse.



**Dionne Raymond**

A native of New Orleans, LA, Raymond, a Public Health Administration major, plans to obtain her masters degree from Tulane University in maternal child health education. After completing a summer sessions in the area of Dentistry, Dione plans to explore a career in that field.



**Ray A. Humphrey II**

A Tulsa, Oklahoma, native, Humphrey is a Business Management major with plans to establish an atheltic apparel clothing line endorsed by both professional and collegiate clubs. He also anticipates starting a business training school for African- American middle and high school males. Ray believes that life is a game and you should play to win.



**Carla Edmonson**

Edmonson, a native of Sparta, Illinois, and a Psychology major, feels overwhelmed to be graduating because she has made many emotional, financial, and social sacrifices since she has been in college. As Carla looks back over the past years, she thanks all of her professors for being dedicated and says, "I made it!"



**Zarvonja Robinson**

A Houston, Texas, native, Robinson is a Psychology major. Her future plans are to attend graduate school and either become a psychology teacher or a counselor. Robinson participated in K.B. Clark Psychology club, Gamma Sigma Sigma service sorority and played with Voices of Joy in *Mama I Want To Sing*. Zarvonja advises that each year should be taken seriously.



**Nicole Williams**

A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, Williams is a Business Management major. Within ten years, Williams plans to be an entrepreneur. At Dillard, Williams remained loyal to NABA club. Nicole says that without an education, life is harder than you would expect, so it is important to work towards your goals every day.



**Patrice Lacy**

A Griffin, Georgia, native, Lacy is a Business major and plans to attend law school. During the 97-98 academic year, Lacy served as Senior Class President and was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was also a resident assistant in Straight Hall, a student ambassador and a peer counselor. Patrice believes that one should always be oneself.



**Jamaal Wilson**

A Shreveport, LA, native, Wilson is an accounting major. After graduation, Wilson will be an internal auditor for State Farm Corporation in Bloomington, IL. While at Dillard, Wilson was Student Government Treasure, President of NABA and members of Alpha Kappa Mu and Alpha Chi honor societies. Jamaal believes that tommorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.



**Walter T. Tilman, Jr.**

After graduating with a degree in English, Tilman plans to attend law school and graduate school on the east coast or in the south. Tilman is a University Scholar, UNCF Andrew W. Mellon Fellow, and Regional Assistant Vice-President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated. Walter says, "The Dillard experience will be as great as you make it!"



**Shonna McQuarter**

A New Orleans, LA, native and a Business Management major, McQuarter aspires to one day be the owner of a fashionable clothing establishment. McQuarter will be attending the University of New Orleans for gradute studies. Shonna suggests that students should keep going and strive for excellence. No matter how hard things may seem, keep working and do not stop.



# Class of 1998 Roll Call

From hair - styles to majors, many members of Dillard's 1998 graduating class have undergone serious changes. See for yourself on the following pages how the past four (five, six, and even seven) years have impacted many graduating seniors.



Leonardo Brown



Torri Buckles



Tonia Butts



Keren Charles



Latasha Cole



Shekeena Gaither



Sholanda Gilyard



Tanisha Guy



Raschanda "Shae" Hall



Farai Kudzirange



Cheryl Miller



Yvette Stevens



Kandice Johnson



Shirlean McEwen



Monica Parker



Darlene Thomas





## SENIOR MARSHALS



*Roger Dickerson, Jr.*

A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, Roger Dickerson, Jr. is known all over our campus as "the D.J..". However, in addition to his musical talents, he has also maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout his college career. Affectionately known as "Raj" across campus, he aspires to own a record company in the near future.

Roger chose to attend Dillard University not only because of its credentials, but in order to continue a family tradition as well. He wanted to follow in the footsteps of his father, uncle, and cousin. Dickerson says, "Dillard just called out to me!"

Raj, the 21-year-old son of Mr. Roger Dickerson, Sr. and Mrs. Sara Hollis Dickerson, is a Mass Communications major who hopes his record label will go platinum one day.

Roger knew what it took to graduate at the top of his class since he was Valedictorian of his high school class. Although he sometimes got aggravated, Roger continued to balance his school work and other activities in an effort "to be educated and cool at the same time!"

*Farai Kadzirange*

A native of Zimbabwe, Africa, Farai Kadzirange chose Dillard University, without the knowledge of its historically Black roots, to excel both academically and spiritually.

Kadzirange, the 22-year-old daughter of Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Esinath Kadzirange, is an International Business and French Major. After graduation, she plans to attend law school at either Emory University in Georgia or Columbia University in New York.

Farai, the oldest of three siblings, says she considers herself a Christian and views Jesus Christ as her personal role model because of his teachings of peace and discipline.

Farai believes that America gives many opportunities that people sometimes take for granted, such as loans to finance a college education. She advises that loans are good because debt will eventually become a memory, but an education will last forever.

Farai's life motto is, "Anyone can make it."



## Distinguished 1979 Graduate

Dr. Karen Drake, a 1979 graduate of Dillard University, played a key role in the delivery of septuplets at the Iowa Methodist Center in Des Moines, Iowa on November 19, 1997. Dr. Drake, a perinatologist, and her mentor, Dr. Paula Mahone, safely delivered the septuplets of Bobbi and Kenny McCaughey of Carlisle, IA. The seven babies are all doing well. Dr. Mahone and Dr. Drake specialize in the care and delivery of high-risk mothers and babies. They are considered among the nation's best and their delivery of the septuplets-four boys and three girls-brought the crush, tension, and nuisance of national media attention down on them. "Anyone who thinks they would enjoy being at the center of national news media for even three or four days should re-examine their priorities," says Dr. Drake with a laugh. "Helping deliver septuplets once was enough for me. I don't need to do that again to have a full and meaningful life." Dr.

Drake came to Dillard from her home in Chicago, IL. "I received a wonderful scholarship offer from Dillard," she recalls. "My family had always attended historically Black universities and I wanted to get far away from home to be able to be independent." However, once she became immersed in Dillard's nurturing environment, Dr. Drake said she realized she'd achieved the best of both worlds. "I was away from my family but surrounded by adults who worried about me, cared about me and treated me as though I was their favorite daughter. My experience at Dillard was wonderful, filled with self-discovery. After graduating with a major in chemistry, Dr.



Drake received her medical degree from the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago. After completing her internship, residency and fellowships, she received a call from Dr. Mahone in Des Moines. "My first thought was that the last place in the world I wanted to practice was Des Moines," says Dr. Drake. "But after I met Dr. Mahone, I immediately realized she is a very special person, and what a privilege it would be to work with her [and]...I have a wonderful career, working with great people as we try to help high-risk babies," said Dr. Drake. "It's challenging, demanding work that has a full measure of both triumphs and tragedies. I feel very fulfilled by

the opportunities and experiences that are at the heart of my career." Dr. Drake returned to Dillard in March of 1998 at the invitation of her long-time friend, Janice Bartley, Vice President of Student Affairs. She delivered an inspirational address to a full house of freshmen and sophomores in assembly, where she told about her experiences as a Dillard student. Dr. Drake stated, "My return to the Dillard campus brought back all the wonderful memories of my college years when I learned so much about myself and my potential."

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# ...D.U. at a Glance...



▲ Several members of the Dillard University Concert Choir gather for a quick photograph while performing on tour in Atlanta, Georgia.



▲ Sophomore **Robert Lawrence**, Freshman **Pafonda Tatum**, Freshman **Mikisha Oden**, and Freshman **Tameka Major-Munroe** "loungue out" while passing time in Kearny Hall.



▲ Sophomores **Kilishar Mitchell**, **DeCobia Gray**, **LaToya Cameron**, **Precious Johnson**, and **Apris Johnson** taking a break between classes.



▲ Sophomore **Myla Patterson** showing what her love really is!

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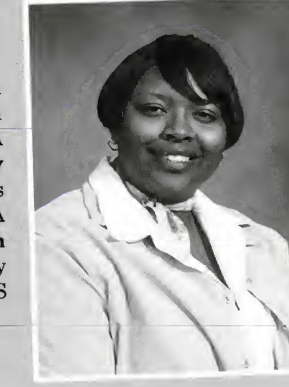
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**Jamal Bey**  
FR:Mass Communications  
Houston, TX  
**Kimberly Boston**  
FR:Elementary Education  
Golden Valley, MN  
**Tonya Boyd**  
FR:Music Education  
New Orleans, LA



**Lakisha Brown**  
FR:Mass Communications  
New Orleans, LA  
**Patrice Brown**  
JR:Psychology  
Mobile, AL  
**India Bryant**  
FR:Theatre  
North Little Rock, AR  
**Diane Buford**  
JR:Psychology  
San Pablo, CA



**Lauren Burnett**  
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Jackson, MS  
**Robin Burnett-Wynn**  
FR:Mass Communication  
Lorton, VA  
**Ree Jernelle Casey**  
FR:Mass Communications  
Shreveport, LA  
**Veronica Dawson**  
FR:Speech Pathology  
Jackson, MS



◀ Freshmen **James Garland** and **Karelia Stewart** practice general hospital procedures while gaining additional knowledge in Professor **Karen Green's** Biology laboratory class.



**Amy Filhiol**  
SO:Psychology  
Monroe, LA



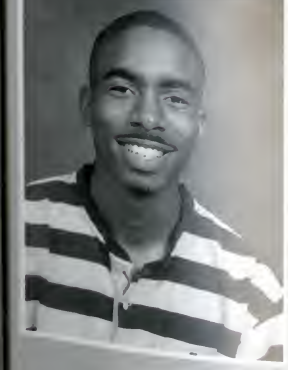
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**Nikia Guillory**  
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**Adrian Guy**  
FR:English  
Memphis, TN



**Gray Hall**  
FR:Mass Communications  
Fort Worth, TX  
**Kim Henderson**  
SO:Mass Communications  
Houston, TX  
**Ericka Humphrey**  
JR:Psychology  
Dallas, TX  
**Terrence Jackson**  
FR:Psychology  
Memphis, TN



▲ Freshmen **Eraka Williams**, **Candice Richards**, and **Isaka Williams** share a moment of happiness while taking a break from studying for finals in Kearny Hall.

▼ Junior **Aisha McClendon** sneaks a peak at the recent *Courtbouillon* while working in the Office of Communications in Rosenwald Hall.





**Simone Jeffers**  
FR:Music  
Trinidad, Virgin Islands  
**Kory Jessie**  
FR:Mass Communications  
New Orleans, LA



► Freshmen **Brandi Griffin, Karelia Stewart, and Tameka Major-Munroe** seem to be having difficulty keeping still for the camera while hanging out after the SUNO-Dillard game on Dent Hall Terrace.

Sophomores **Previn Butler, John Abney, and Jean-Luc Pierite** engage in a round-table discussion as **Dr. David Organ** moderates in his honors class.

**Abebi Johnson**  
FR:Elementary Education  
Houston, TX  
**Lyisha Johnson**  
JR:Mass Communications  
Union City, GA  
**Keisha Jones**  
JR:Psychology  
Morgan City, LA  
**Ruth Jones**  
JR:Mass Communications  
Little Rock, AR



**Tiffany Ledbetter**  
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Arlington, TX  
**Ebony Lee**  
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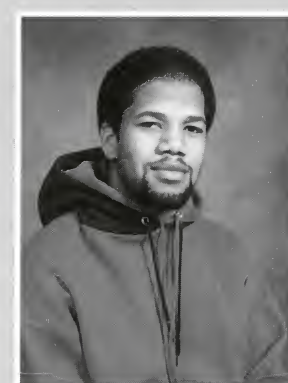
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**Trucetia Starks**  
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**Willie White**  
SO:Mass Communications  
Cincinnati, OH



◀ Freshmen **Elijah Gross, Tory Sanders, James Pollard, and LaDamier Fefie** chill out for a quick second between classes on Kearny Hall Terrace.



# Miss Krimson and Kreme Pageant

Dillard University's Beta Gamma chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, held its annual Miss Krimson and Kreme Pageant in the Theodore K. Lawless Memorial Chapel November 9, 1997. The purpose of the pageant is to improve the image of the young woman chosen as Miss Krimson and Kream. During this evening of elegance, Miss Krimson and Kream is elected to represent Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, in the community and is allowed to attend all Kappa activities free of charge.



▲ Sophomore Ca'Juan Monique Washington is all smiles after she is crowned the 1997-1998 Krimson and Kream winner as the crowd applauds for her accomplishment.



▲ The newly crowned Miss Krimson and Kreme 1997-1998 is carried out of the royal coronation by an entourage of Kappa men.

The 1997-1998 Miss Krimson and Kream is Ms. Ca'Juan Monique Washington, a sophomore accounting major from New Orleans, Louisiana. Ca'Juan was chosen from a panel of six finalist who also competed for the distinguished title. Graduating Senior Matthew Robertson, a pre health, physical therapy major from College Park, Georgia, says that "Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated, is pleased that the student body comes out to support us every year." Ca'Juan's reign of royalty lasts for one year, until the fraternity seeks to praise yet another candidate, worthy of the title of Miss Krimson and Kream.

# A Bright Future For Dillard

A 26.5 million dollar bond recently issued to Dillard University will be used to enhance campus grounds and major buildings. Dillard is also intending to install new facilities to produce more teaching, residential, and administrative space. Renovations and new construction will include the latest information systems and other technology needed to support education, research, and administrative functions. As Dillard restores this beautiful campus, it is committed to preserving the architectural history of the buildings on campus, as well as meeting the demands of growing student population. The renovations at Dillard will also enhance the Gentilly neighborhood of which Dillard has been a part of for 60 plus years.

## Academic Life Improvements

- ☐ Alexander Library Renovations
- ☐ MIS Department Relocation from Rosenwald Basement
- ☐ Computer Science to Coss Hall Relocation
- ☐ Dent Hall Renovation
- ☐ Stern Hall Renovation
- ☐ Henson Hall Renovation
- ☐ Rosenwald Hall Renovation

"Five years from now we hope and fully expect that Dillard is...known for its exciting academic programs, beautiful settings, gifted and challenging students and scholarly and stimulating faculty."

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expansion of the library, equipping of special laboratories, updated safety, and accessibility enhancements are all included under the list of improvements. Also, new wall, ceiling, and floor finishes in the administrative offices are planned.

Renovation of residence halls will include one and two bedroom units with adjoining bathrooms for privacy. The halls will also included enhanced student lounges, more student study areas, wiring for online services, and data and cable connections. Henson Hall will be renovated and the second level created for student meeting rooms.

## Student Life Improvements

- ☐ New Dormitory
- ☐ New Campus Center
- ☐ Henson Hall Renovation
- ☐ Straight Hall Renovation: Summer 1998-December 1998
- ☐ Hartzell Hall Renovation: Spring 2000-August 2000
- ☐ Williams Hall Renovation: January 1999-July 1999
- ☐ Camphor Hall Renovation: June 1999-end of Fall 1999

## Ultimate Goal(s)

- ☐ To increase endowment for \$45 million to \$100 million
- ☐ To increase enrollment by 500 students in the next five years
- ☐ Eventually increase enrollment from 1,500 to 3,000
- ☐ In the Times-Picayune November 3, 1997 issue President Lomax said, "he is considering partnerships with area community and business groups to revitalize Dillard's Gentilly neighborhood."

## Campus Infrastructure Improvements

- ☐ Campus Sewerage System
- ☐ Electrical Loop Upgrade
- ☐ Exterior Signage/Identification System
- ☐ Landscape & Hardscape Improvements
- ☐ Paving and Resurfacing Parking Lots
- ☐ Storm Drainage System
- ☐ Water System Loop
- ☐ Campus Master Plan

\* These improvements will take place over the next three years.

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# History of Dillard University



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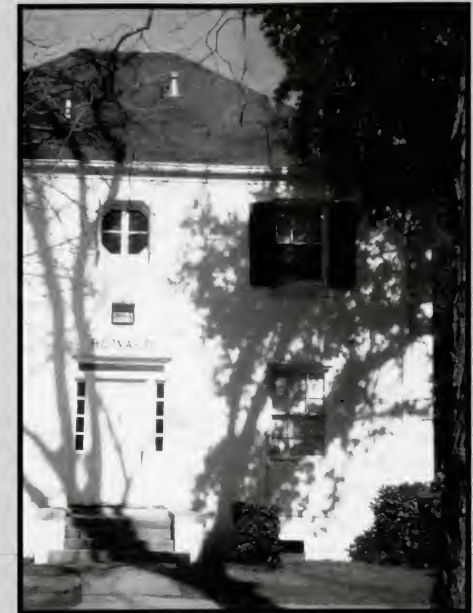
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# Dillard Around the World....



▲ Senior **LaTasha Cole** sits atop Operation Noah Rock, built for the rescue of wildlife placed in danger during the building of the country's dam in Zimbabwe, Africa, during her summer research visit.



▲ Natives of Kariba, Zimbabwe, Africa, are busily working hard on their next creation in the Sculpture Garden.

**S**tudy Abroad is a chance in a lifetime for anyone who chooses to participate. With numerous perks to peak the interest of anyone, it is always a learning experience one can never forget. Each year, students from Dillard University leave the states to travel around the globe to countries they have never lived in on a day to day basis. Finding exciting and different ways of life and learning experiences, many return with only stories of exuberating happiness. Many study abroad programs cost no more than tuition at Dillard, and scholarships are available. A student can earn between 18 and 20 hours of credit in one semester abroad without postponing graduation. Even if foreign language is not your stronghold, there are many study abroad programs in English-speaking countries.

## Dillard University Foreign Exchange Study Abroad Host Countries:

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| England            | South Africa |
| Zimbabwe           | Germany      |
| Santo Domingo      | Japan        |
| Dominican Republic | France       |
| Belgium            |              |



▲ Senior, **Damali Moore**, with one of her many new friends, **Fiona Clements** of Singapore, are preparing to take the bus to a nearby town, Lemington, for dinner.



▲ Above is a church dedicated as a memorial for the eighty-two people who perished during the building of a dam in Zimbabwe, Africa.



▲ During her Easter break while studying abroad in Nice, France, Senior **Damali Moore** stops for a little fun in the sun on the French Riviera.

**D**amali Moore, senior, studied for a full year in Coventry, England at the University of Warwick. She stated that, "I highly recommend everyone to study abroad. It is a great spiritual, academic, and social growth. I learned a lot and was able to retain it because of the level of learning and studying."

She received a full scholarship through the Luard Scholar program and wants to return one day as soon as possible. While Erica Godeau, senior, stayed in the Dominican Republic during the summer, she noticed how others look just like Americans, with the exception of speaking Spanish. Erica stated that one should, "Go!

**A** Study Abroad forum was held on Monday, February 16, 1998, led by Dr. Randolph Peters. Students, ranging from Freshmen to graduating Seniors were in attendance to get their questions answered and curiosity put to rest for the time being. Students who returned from studying abroad were the guest speakers. Carla Edmonson, Senior, lived in Santo Domingo the past semester with only encouraging words to say. When questioned as to whether she would recommend this experience to other students, her reply was "Yes! It is a beautiful place with wonderful beaches and many things to do and learn. I did not know much Spanish, but once you are fully immersed into the language, you can easily get the gist of what is being said."

▼ Fellow Luard Scholars, Senior **Damali Moore** and **Angelo Washington** pose in front of the famous London Chinatown while studying abroad.



If it is for a summer or an entire year, you will never regret it. Regardless if it is a good or bad experience, it is a great learning experience."





◀ *"The Delta's":* Junior Kesha Matthews, Junior Schandalita Deggs, Junior Lisa Beckley, Junior Tameka Cage, Sophomore Letitia "Tweety" Dillard, Junior Tomika Alfrod, and Junior Keisha Felton hanging out at a basketball game.



◀ Freshmen Lilshannon Williams and Danielle Moncrief strike a pose for the camera while in Williams Hall.



▲ Sophomore Samuel Labinjo and Junior Morris Singletary lend a warm Dillard welcome to Sophomore Brandi Griffin during freshman week.



▲ Senior Orenthal Goudia, Junior Marcus Howard, Junior Donathan Hall, Junior Tre Brown, Junior Jason Broussard, and Junior Brandon Brown assemble for a snapshot in Kearny Hall at the end of the day.



▲ Freshmen Juliana Anyanwu, Kendra Calais, Abijon Johnson, and Joanna Kirby kickin' it in Straight Hall.



▲ Freshmen Mikisha Oden and Shirah Ray pretend to be a couple of "runway models" on the balcony of Williams Hall.

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# Publications on the Move

## Courtbouillion Newspaper Staff



▲ Courtbouillion staff members: (from left to right) (seated) Sophomore **Brandis Griffith**, Sophomore **Jean-Luc Pierite**, (standing) Seniors **Shawntell Crossgrow**, **Keshia Odoms**, Sophomore **Kyle Conley**, Advisor **Jinx Broussard**, Sophomore **Hope White**, Senior **Keren Charles**, and Sophomore **Jennifer Jones**.



▲ Freshman DJ **Gray Hall** keeps the D.U. students updated on campus news. Hall says that by being a freshman member of the radio station, he is afforded a great experience.

▼ Sophomore DJ **Kedric Walls** jams the sounds of Erykah Badu's *Next Lifetime* across the WDUB airwaves.



## 1998 Courtbouillion Staff

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▲ Mrs. **Jinx Broussard** points out how well student member, Sophomore **Kyle Conley's**, Sports section article is and suggests added information.

# Class of 1999 Point of View

Several members of the class of 1999 were asked, "How do you think you've changed the most since your Freshman year?" Take a look at what these Juniors had to say!

"During my Freshman year, I was on the wild side. I went to every party and activity around the school's campus. I've become mature by studying and getting better grades."

**Teresa Jones**

"I've become more friendly since my Freshman year. At the same time, I don't feel the need to be around DU's campus as much."

**Tameka Cage**



"My study habits have improved since my first year at Dillard. I now know what is expected in my classes."

**Lemuel Jackson**

"I've learned the real meaning of the word friendship, and how to be a true friend."

**Morris A. Singletary**

"Threedown, one to go."

**Holly Y. McGee**

"Since my Freshman year, I've learned to be more realistic. I have become more mature and studios, although I am stubborn and set in my ways."

**Jean Rene**

"I've been more involved socially with campus activities. I am also more focused on my school work."

**Tara Garnett**

"I don't go out as much as I did my Freshman year. I've also calmed fown a whole lot."

**Justin Roberts**

(hmmmm...that's not what it looks like to us)

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▲ Like many Juniors, **Napoleon Bracy** and **Demetrios Gulley**, **DeVaria Hudson**, and **Schandalita Deggs** waste a little time every day with other upperclassmen like graduating senior **Yvette Stevens**.



▲ Sophomores **Brandis Griffith**, **Hope White**, **Jennifer Jones**, and Senior **Shawntell Crossgrow** enjoy a pizza break during a March deadline meeting.

## Da Bomb Radio Schedule

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

8am The Top 40  
DJ Brandis Griffith and DJ Danny Black  
9am A Jazz and Blues Elixir with Sister Hope  
DJ Hope  
10am R&B  
DJ Courtney Jessie  
11am Top 20 Hit Radio  
DJ Kenneth Sanders  
12pm Big Jay with Ill Concepts  
DJ Jonathan Harvey  
1pm MG2 with Joy In the Afternoon  
DJ Morris Singletary and DJ Gray Hall  
2pm R&B  
DJ Kyle Johnson

Tuesday/Thursday

8am Top 40  
DJ Lynell  
9am Urban Contemporary  
DJ Jean-Luc Pierite  
10am Hip Hop  
DJ Jason Broussard  
12am Infiniti Inside the Soul Shack  
DJ Keshia Odoms  
1pm Classical Roots and One-Love Reggae  
DJ Duhran Wilson  
2pm R&B  
DJ Joy Alexander  
3pm MG2 with Joy in the Afternoon  
DJ Morris Singletary and DJ Gray Hall  
4pm Alternative Music  
DJ Kedric Walls

WDUB





# Community Service at D.U.



▲ Freshman **Africa Harris** helps fourth grade Saturday Science Academy students with class work.



▲ Freshman **Patricia Lott** discusses a problem with her group.



▲ **Dr. Ruby Broadway** instructs a student at Dillard's Saturday Science Academy.



▲ Many Saturday Science volunteers like Freshman **Erika Hatcher** aid elementary students with homework by listening to questions and helping when possible.

## Approved Community Service Programs for 1997-1998

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Stuart Bradley Elementary  | New Orleans Marine Institute                              |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary                                 | Dillard University Science Academy                        |
| A.P. Tureaud Elementary  | Society of African American Males in the 90's and Beyond  |
| Phillips Elementary  | Goynton United Methodist Church Saturday Tutorial Program |
| McDonogh 39  | Mount Harmon Baptist Church                               |
| Langston Hughes Elementary   | Beecher Memorial United Church of Christ Feeding Ministry |
| Capdau Elementary  | Elderly Protective Services                               |
| Douglas Senior High  | NO AIDS Task Force  |
| St. John Berchmans Child Development Center                        | St. Louis Community Center                                |
| New Day Black Community Development Preschool                      | Family Outreach Cultivating Unified Services (FOCUS)      |
| Irish Channel Christian Fellowship                                 | Louis Armstrong Manhood Development Program               |
| St. Luke's Episcopal Church  | YWCA Teen Intervention Program                            |
| New Orleans Outreach "Start the Adventure in Reading" (S.T.A.I.R.) | Black on Black Time                                       |
| St. John's Social Service Center                                   | Children's Hospital                                       |
| St. Peter Claver Tutorial Program                                  | St. John's Social Service Center                          |
| Save the Children Youth Organization                               | Pendleton Memorial Methodist Hospital                     |
| Concerned Citizens Civic Coalition                                 | Charity Hospital  |
| New Orleans Department of Health and Human Resources Clinics       | University Hospital                                       |
|  | Lakeland Medical Center                                   |



▲ Dillard University students pitching in to help clean up the campus.



▲ **Dean Jefferson** sacrifices yet another early Saturday morning for benefit of the D.U. community.



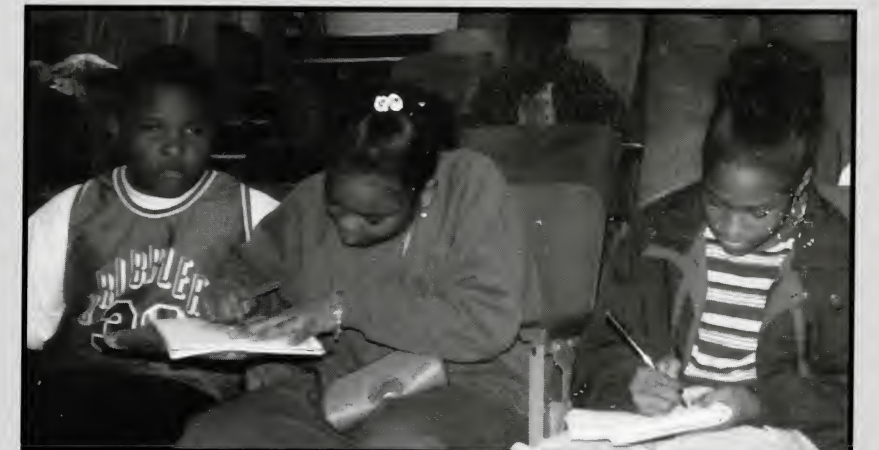
▲ **Dean Patrick Jefferson** is all smiles as he sits with members of the Student Nurses' Association. The Student Nurses' Association participated in Dillard's...

Dillard University is unique from other colleges/universities in the New Orleans area in many respects. However, it is Dillard's Volunteer Service Program that sets Dillard above the rest. In order to be eligible for graduation, all Dillard students are required to perform a minimum of 120 community service hours in the form of social activities in the surrounding area. While it is true that Dillard accepts outside community service hours, they must first be approved with the understanding that a maximum of 30 hours will be accepted toward graduation credit. The number of required hours was selected by the Dillard University Volunteer Community Service Program, or DUVCS, for many different reasons: to give students an opportunity to develop themselves personally through their actions, and to teach them to give back to our communities. As required, all community services must be done with non-profit agencies, or community programs which have been approved by the DUVCS. During the 1997-1998 academic year, students engaged in volunteer service activities such as adult literacy projects, tutorial programs in the elementary and secondary schools, and programs for the homeless and handicapped.

▼ As apart of her community service program, Freshman **Ibi-yinka Tolliver** works in various offices around campus.



▲ Freshman **Kimbria Jones** volunteers as a worker in Williams Hall.



▲ Fifth grade Saturday Science Academy students complete their homework during one of the program's many study sessions.



# Historically Black Colleges &

# Universities: What's the Deal?

**H**istorically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) are postsecondary academic institutions founded before 1964 whose educational mission has been the education of Black Americans. Located primarily in the Southeastern United States, there are approximately 117 HBCU's in existence. These schools consist of a mix of community and junior colleges, four year colleges and universities, and public and private institutions. In comparison with other colleges, HBCU's are often underfunded. Wilberforce University, formerly known as Wilberforce Institute, was the first HBCU established. This university, located in Ohio, was founded in 1856 by the African Methodist Episcopal Church in memory of English abolitionist William Wilberforce. Between 1865-1871, several HBCU's were founded. Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta), Shaw University,

and Virginia Union University were founded in 1865. Fisk University and Lincoln Institute (now Lincoln University) were founded in 1860, and Tougaloo College was founded in 1869. Religious organizations were instrumental in the founding and support of these early black institutes. By 1900, there were approximately 34 black institutions and more than 2,000 blacks with degrees.

## "Why did you choose an HBCU for your college experience?"

What urges an individual to choose an historically black college or university when there are literally hundreds of postsecondary institutions which may be able to offer more opportunities to a black undergraduate? From freshmen to graduating seniors, Dillard students spoke out when confronted with this question.



"I wanted to explore the positive black experience."

-Austin C. Davis  
Class of 1998

"I went to a predominately white school. I wanted to be around blacks because I felt comfortable in an environment with my own people, instead of being around the majority."

-Kevin Carter  
Class of 1998

"I felt that I would be a stronger individual by learning more about my heritage."

-Hope White  
Class of 2000

"I chose an HBCU because I lived my whole life in racial insularity and wanted to experience diversity within blacks. I wanted to be taught by blacks and be around them in total. For the rest of my life I will be living in the "white world" and college is the only time when I am able to choose my environment. Why not choose an environment of an HBCU where I am able to learn freely without regard to my race?"

-Previn K. Butler  
Class of 2000

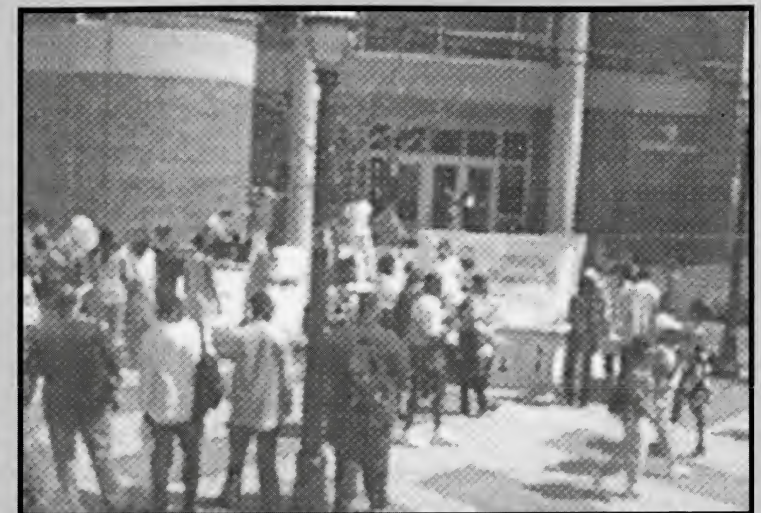
"I have always attended all white schools. I didn't have the chance to explore my heritage in an efficient manner. I felt deprived in a sense, so coming to an HBCU gives me a better understanding of who I am as an individual."

-Gray B...  
Class of 2000

## Historically Black College & Universities:

**Alabama**  
Alabama A & M University  
Alabama State University  
Bishop State Community College  
Concordia College  
J.F. Drake State Technical College  
Lawson State Community College  
Lomax-Hannon Junior College  
Miles College  
Oakwood College  
Selma College  
Shelton State Community College  
Stillman College  
Talladega College  
Trenholm State Technical College  
Tuskegee University  
**Arkansas**  
Arkansas Baptist College  
Philander Smith College  
Shorter College  
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff  
**California**  
Compton Community College  
**Delaware**  
Delaware State University  
**District of Columbia**  
Howard University  
University of the District of Columbia  
**Florida**  
Bethune-Cookman College  
Edward Waters College  
Florida A & M University  
Florida Memorial College  
**Georgia**  
Albany State University  
Clark Atlanta University  
Fort Valley State University  
Interdenominational Theological Center  
Morehouse College  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
Morris Brown College  
Paine College  
Savannah State University  
Spelman College  
**Kentucky**  
Kentucky State University  
**Louisiana**  
Dillard University  
Grambling State University  
Southern University and A & M College  
Southern University at New Orleans  
Southern University at Shreveport  
Xavier University of Louisiana  
**Maryland**  
Bowie State University  
Coppin State College  
Morgan State University  
University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
Sejourner-Douglas College  
**Michigan**  
Lewis College of Business  
Wayne County Community College

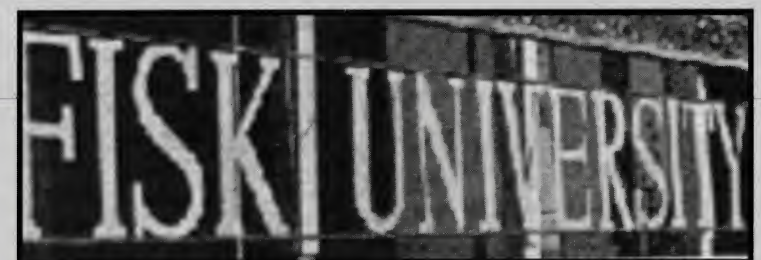
**Mississippi**  
Alcorn State University  
Coahoma Community College  
Hinds Community College  
Jackson State University  
Mary Holmes College  
Mississippi Valley State University  
Rust College  
Tougaloo College  
**Missouri**  
Harris-Stowe State College  
Lincoln University-Missouri  
**North Carolina**  
Barber-Scotia College  
Bennett College  
Elizabeth City State University  
Fayetteville State University  
Livingstone College  
North Carolina A & T State University  
Saint Augustine's College  
Shaw University  
Winston-Salem State University  
**New York**  
LaGuardia Community College  
**Ohio**  
Central State University  
Cuyahoga Community College  
Wilberforce University  
**Oklahoma**  
Langston University  
**Pennsylvania**  
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania  
Lincoln University - Pennsylvania  
**South Carolina**  
Allen University  
Benedict College  
Chafin College  
Clinton Junior College  
Denmark Technical College  
Morris College  
South Carolina State University  
Voorhees College  
**Tennessee**  
Fisk University  
Knoxville University  
Lane College  
LeMoyne-Owen College  
Meharry Medical College  
Tennessee State University  
**Texas**  
Huston-Tillotson College  
Jarvis Christian College  
Paul Quinn College  
Prairie View A & M College  
Southwestern Christian College  
St. Phillip's College  
Texas College  
Texas Southern University  
Wiley College  
**Virgin Islands**  
University of the Virgin Islands  
**Virginia**  
Hampton University  
Norfolk State University  
Saint Paul's College  
Virginia State University  
Virginia Union University  
**West Virginia**  
Bluefield State College  
West Virginia State College



▲ Money magazine ranks Clark Atlanta as one of the top 5 educational buys among Historically Black Colleges and Universities in its 1997 college guide. Clark Atlanta aspires to a new plateau in higher education through a distinctive academic program, innovative research, and demonstrated social consciousness that will be a successful leader in the 21st century. For more information, you can access their university's Internet homepage at <http://www.cau.edu>



▲ Texas Southern University located in Houston, Texas.



▲ Fisk University, which opened its doors as Fisk School to a student body of former slaves in 1866, is a small, predominantly African-American institution. Liberal arts and science are Fisk's strong emphasis. If you would like to learn more about this institution located in Nashville, Tennessee, access <http://www.fisk.edu>



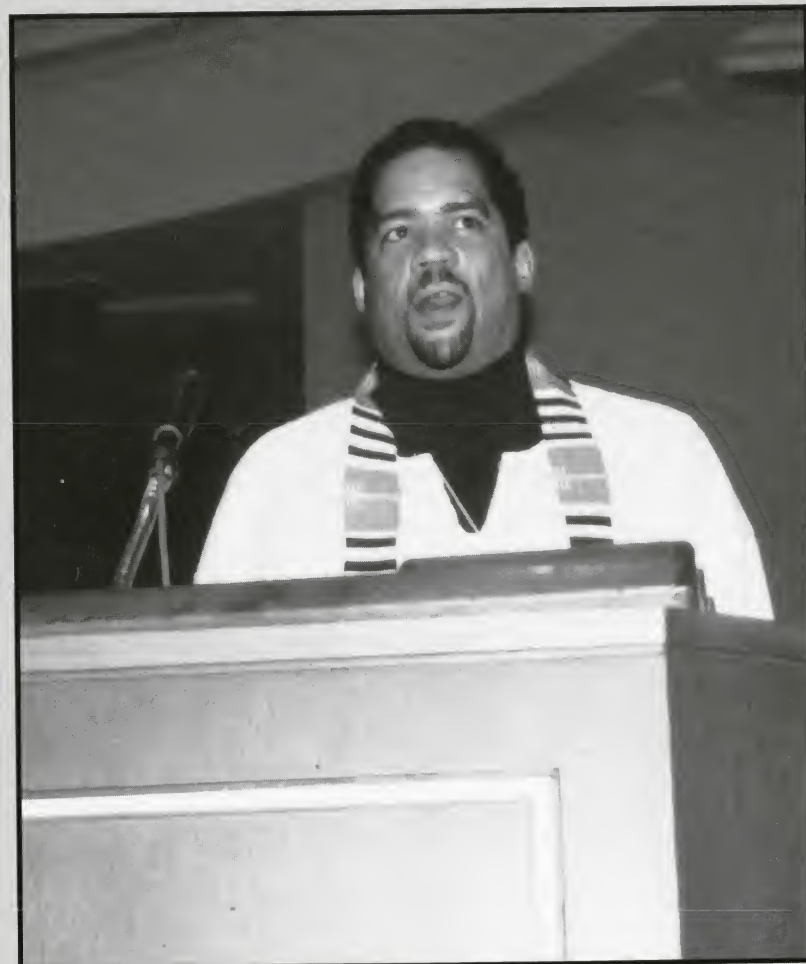
▲ Hampton University, founded in 1868 is dedicated to the promotion of learning, building of character, and preparation of promising students for positions of leadership and service. Its curriculum stresses a strong liberal arts background. Learning at Hampton is facilitated by a wide range of educational offerings, a rigorous curriculum, excellent teaching, and multiple leadership opportunities. For more information, Hampton University's home page is <http://www.hamptonu.edu>





# Dillard University's 1997 Kwanzaa Celebration

December 2, 1997, members of the faculty and student body organized and held a Kwanzaa Harvest Celebration in the Lawless Memorial Chapel. Kwanzaa, the African-American celebration time which lasts for seven days, gave students and faculty members a sense of unity before the Christmas vacation began. It is a festive and joyous spiritual occasion of community oneness that is celebrated in African-American homes across the nation from December 26th to January 1st. Dillard's Kwanzaa ceremony was full of tradition and heritage which included the pouring of the libation, lighting of the seven candles which represent Kwanzaa principles, musicians, and performers dancing to the beat of drummers.



▲ Dr. David Organ begins the Kwanzaa ceremony and gives the purpose of the occasion.



▲ Adorned in traditional African Kente cloths, Sophomores Khalila Griffith, and John Abney were all smiles at Dillard's first Kwanzaa ceremony.



Elliott, Freshman Cory Blackwell, Sophomores Monique Bell, Brandis ceremony.



▲ Dillard's faculty members participating at Kwanzaa time.

▼ Corn and African-woven baskets are set out for display.



## Kwanzaa Facts:

### The Nguzo Saba

Umojo = Unity  
Kujichaculia = Self-determination  
Ujima = Collective work and responsibility  
Ujamaa = Cooperative economics  
Nia = Purpose  
Kuumba = Creativity  
Imani = Faith

One of the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa are celebrated each day of the holiday.

### Symbols of Kwanzaa

Mkeka = a straw mat on which all other items are placed  
Mshumaa = candles which represent the seven Kwanzaa principles  
Muhindi = ear(s) of corn that represent children  
Kikombe cha umoja = the unity cup used to pour libations for the ancestors  
Zawadi = presents and gifts  
Karamu = high festive celebration which brings the community together

\* Kwanzaa was founded by Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga on December 26, 1966.

◀ Kwanzaa symbols such as fruits from the harvest, the kinara (candle holder), seven candles, and the libation cup on display at the ceremony.



▲ Students read the programs which contain Kwanzaa principles and traditions.



**D**illard University celebrated its 128th birthday with a myriad of activities from Friday, October 17th through Sunday, October 19th. This year's event held special significance, as it was the first Founder's Day for University President Michael L. Lomax, who took office on July 1, 1997. Founder's Day/Homecoming weekend began on Friday with the Annual Founder's Day Banquet on the Gentilly campus in Kearny Hall. It was hosted by the New Orleans chapter of the Dillard University Alumni Association. The featured speaker was Daryl C. Kilbert, a 1978 Dillard graduate, who has won national attention for his successful efforts to improve the decorum and academics at Alcee Fortier High School in New Orleans. The Distinguished Alumni Award recipient was Tommie A. Vassel, CPA, of New Orleans, also a 1978 Dillard graduate. He is chairman of the Vassel Financial Group, president of the Dillard National Alumni Association, and a member of the Board of Trustees. On Saturday morning, the annual meeting of the National Alumni Association convened, followed by "Art Under the Oaks", an exhibition of arts and crafts by local artists. The annual Homecoming reception was held Saturday night at the City Energy Club in the Energy Centre. Highlighting the weekend was the Founder's Day Service on Sunday afternoon, which featured Dr. Gloria Wade-Gayles, a renowned author and professor of English and women's studies at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA. Following the Founder's Day ceremonies, President Lomax and family hosted a reception for all present.

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## Founder's Day 1997



▲ Mr. Tommie Vassel, president of the National Alumni Chapter, poses with Dr. Michael L. Lomax as he receives the Distinguished Alumnus award for 1997.



▲ A local craftsman displays his artistic ability at the "Art Under the Oaks" festival. The exhibits were only a highlight of the many activities that took place during Founder's Day weekend.



▲ Members of the Dillard graduating class of 1998 listen attentively as Dr. Michael L. Lomax addresses the class.



▲ Dr. Gloria Wade-Gayles addresses Dillard University seniors during the 128th Founder's Day convocation in the Theodore K. Lawless Memorial Chapel.



▲ Anna-Karin Dillard and Congressman William "Bill" Jefferson engage in a series of dialogues at the annual Faculty/Staff/Trustee Dinner.



▲ Dr. Michael L. Lomax addresses the class.

**U**nprecedented opportunities await you, but racism still exists." Professor and author Dr. Gloria Wade-Gayles told Dillard University seniors that they will find a world of new opportunities awaiting them, but they should not imagine for even a moment that racism is dead. On Sunday, October 19, 1997, Dr. Gayles served as a guest speaker for Dillard's Founder's Day program, marking the 128th anniversary of the university's founding and honoring Dillard's class of 1998, who graduated this spring. Over 1,000 Dillard alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends filled Lawless chapel for the convocation. Dr. Wade-Gayles, who teaches English and women's studies at Spelman College in Atlanta, has also won recognition as an author and poet. Her publications include "Father Songs: Testimonies by African-American Men and Women," "Rooted Against the Wind," and "My Soul is a Witness." As Dr. Gayles continued to give advice to graduating seniors, she stressed the point that "you are embarking into a world filled with opportunities that your forefathers and ancestors could not have dreamed possible." "You will be interviewed by Fortune 500 companies and Fortune 100 companies, and if you are an excellent student, you will be winned and dined by competing would-be employers seeking your services. But do not be fooled into thinking that the racism of the past has died or that you have received some magical exemption from it." Dr. Wade-Gayles said that while the signs marked "Colored Only" have been taken down, racism has taken new, more subtle forms that need to be recognized and dealt with by the current generation of upwardly mobile African-American college graduates. "Even worse than the racism that you will encounter will be the temptations to lobolomize yourself-to separate



# Dillard University Presents



▲ **Montel Jordan**, the R&B vocalist who performs "Let's Ride" with New Orleans' own Master P, signs autographs on Dent's terrace during Kappa Week.

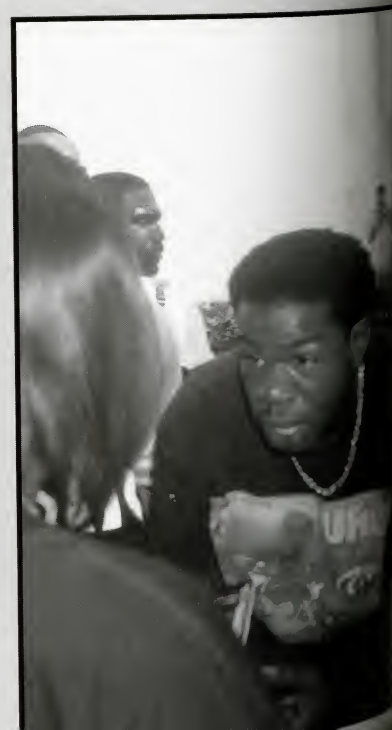
▼ During her book signing on February 10, 1998, **Pearl Cleage** personalizes Junior **Tameka Cage's** copy of *What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day* while fellow Junior **DeVaria Hudson** looks on.



▼ Sophomores **Erica Bass** and **Abebi Johnson** capture this moment with Myron while posing in Kearny.



▼ Sitting on Kearny's terrace, artist **Craig Mack** has takes a moment to speak to Sophomore **Nygerl Pennington**.



## A Tribute to Mahalia Jackson



Mavis Staples

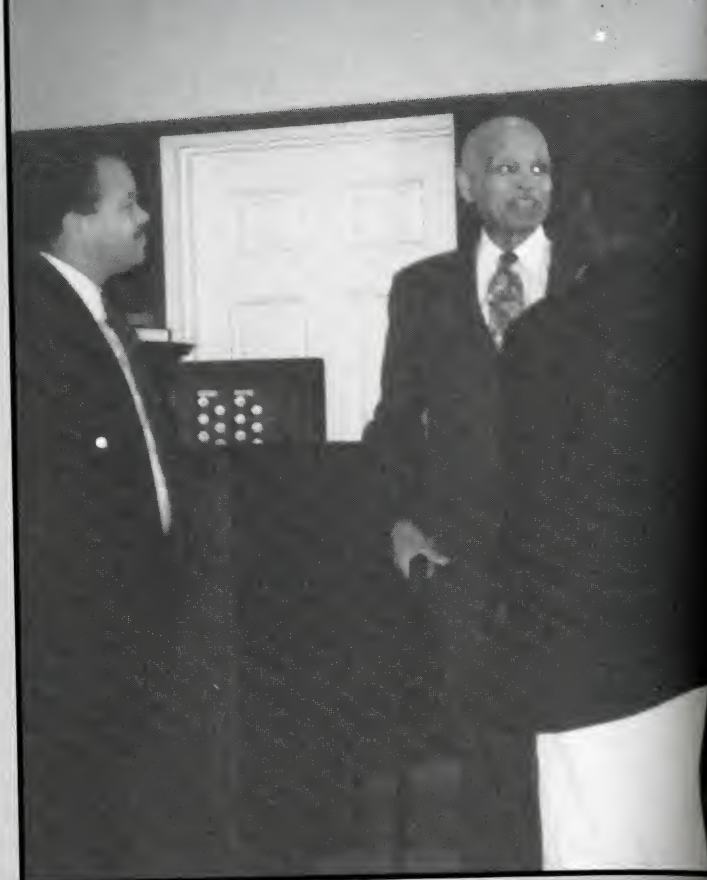
With her uncanny ability to convey with her voice the gamut of feelings, from heavenly bliss to earthly sadness, Mavis Staples is well on her way to becoming a musical legend. Staples first achieved fame on the gospel music circuit as a young girl touring with her father and siblings as "The Staple Singers." As their reputation for uplifting performances and dynamic stage presence grew, the group began to make the reansition from gospel to a soulful R&B sound, scoring hits with memorable tunes such as "Respect Yourself," "I'll Take You There" and "Let's Do It Again." The inspirational message found in many of the Staples Singer's songs paved the way for the cross-over appeal of contemporary gospel music by artists such as the Winans and Kirk Franklin. During the month of April, Dillard University was proud to have Mavis Staples as a guest for an afternoon program.



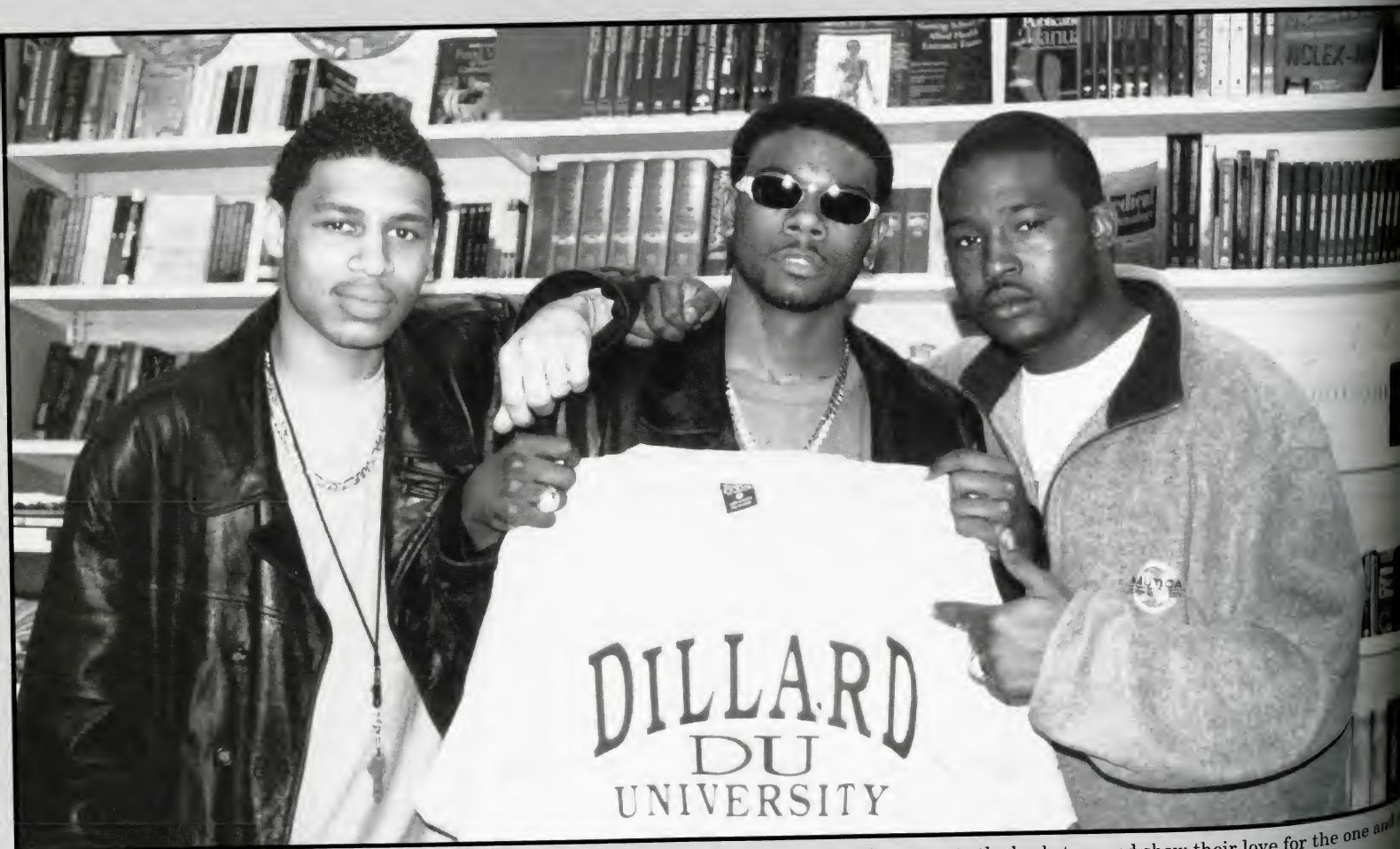




▲ While at a convention held at Zachary's Restaurant, Graduating Seniors Shekeena Gaither and Raschanda "Shae" Hall take a picture with the one and only Brian McKnight.



▲ Dr. Mahlon Puryear, who has come to Dillard University for the past sixteen years to encourage the student body to "stay in school," speaks with Sophomore Christopher Collins and Mr. Anthony Williams.



▲ After signing autographs in Kearny Hall's lounge, the group Playa goes to the bookstore and show their love for the one and only university in New Orleans.

# Associated Collegiate Press Conference



▲ Mass Communications Professor Courtbouillon advisor, Jinx Broussard, and Sophomore Brandis Griffith relax at a quaint San Francisco style restaurant.



▲ Sophomore Brandis Griffith peaks her head through the crowd on the busy street car and manages to strike a pose.

On February 26, 1998, four Dillard University Mass Communications students attended the 14th Annual Associated Collegiate Press National College Newspaper Convention in San Francisco, CA.

Courtbouillon Co-editors, sophomores Brandis Griffith and Jean-Luc Pierite, along with two other staff members, sophomores Shaniece Bell and James Kyle Conley, and staff advisor Jinx Broussard, were informed of new concepts, ideas for managing and recruiting staff, and clues to better their newspaper. The students were present for three days of workshops and seminars on various subjects ranging from press law, newsroom ethics, and covering campus crime. In their spare time, the enthusiastic group took advantage of San Francisco's many tourist attractions, such as Fisherman's Wharf, China Town, Union Square, and Pier 39.



▲ Sophomores Shaniece Bell, Brandis Griffith, and Kyle Conley take a ride on a famous San Francisco street car as they tour the beautiful city.

"The American Collegiate Press Conference was absolutely rewarding and worthwhile."

-Brandis Griffith  
Class of 2000



◀ Sophomores Brandis Griffith, Kyle Conley, Shaniece Bell, and Jean-Luc Pierite transport into "Braid Fanatics" at a wig shop on Pier 39.



# United Negro Collge Fund

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Eugene Thomas  
Holly McGee  
Khalilah Elliott  
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Previn Butler  
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Ronald King



▲ Freshmen **Rashanda Norman, Katrina Carson, and Latesha Williams** pause for a break and picture while attending the 11th Annual United Negro College Fund Walk-a-Thon at City Park in New Orleans.



▲ Junior **Jason Broussard** and Sophomore **Jason Davis** vigorously walk ahead a crowd of Xavier University students while glancing at the camera a moment for a quick snapshot.

# 1997 Walk-a-Thon: City Park



▲ Freshmen **Ollie Hales and Adrian Guy** take a short break during the walk, while Freshman **Jennifer Alexander** expresses her exhaust after the brisk, morning walk.



▲ Excited about receiving a new Dillard T-Shirt, Freshman **Kimberly Firmin** "models" the latest collection to her wardrobe.

On Sunday, November 2, 1997, the United Negro College Fund Walk-a-Thon began its running start. Over 380 Dillard University students participated in the 10k walk or the 5k run at City Park's Macroni Meadows in New Orleans. The run began at 8:00 a.m., and the walk began at 9:00 a.m., ending at 10:00 a.m. Dillard University came in second place in the walk and third in the run. The theme to this year's event was "Let's Do It Again," and Dillard did indeed Do it Again! This year, faculty members stated that more students participated in the walk-a-thon than in the last few years, allowing the program to raise monies for United Negro College Fund Scholarships and making the event a success.



▲ Dean **Patrick Jefferson** expresses the joy of being a part of yet another United Negro College Fund walk-a-thon.



# Dillard University Celebrates

Black History Month is a time to reflect on the past in an attempt to build new and better paths to the future. Dillard University celebrated Black History Month by sponsoring a number of cultural and conscious-raising activities. First, the Office of Student Affairs hosted a series of University Assemblies dedicated to the meaning of Black History by highlighting individuals important to the African-American experience of today and yesterday. In conjunction with the Honors Department, Student Affairs also hosted a trip to Louisiana State University to hear author, lecturer, and professor Dr. Cornel West speak. Dr. Cornel West has written numerous articles and twelve books. His most recent books include Jews and

Blacks, The Future of the Race, and Restoring Hope. His book Race Matters quickly achieved bestseller status and gained for West, worldwide notoriety as one of America's foremost socio-political academicians. Currently, West is professor of Religion and director of the African-American Studies Department at Harvard University. Also during the month of February, the Lyceum Committee funded an evening of poetry and music with Gwendolyn Brooks and Amiri Baraka. Brooks was the first African-American writer to receive the Pulitzer

Prize for poetry with her 1950's collection of poems Annie Allen. She has also won the National Endowment for the Humanities Lifetime Achievement Award--the highest award given by the federal government.



▲ Sophomore Samuel Labinjo engaged in conversation with Dr. Cornel West.

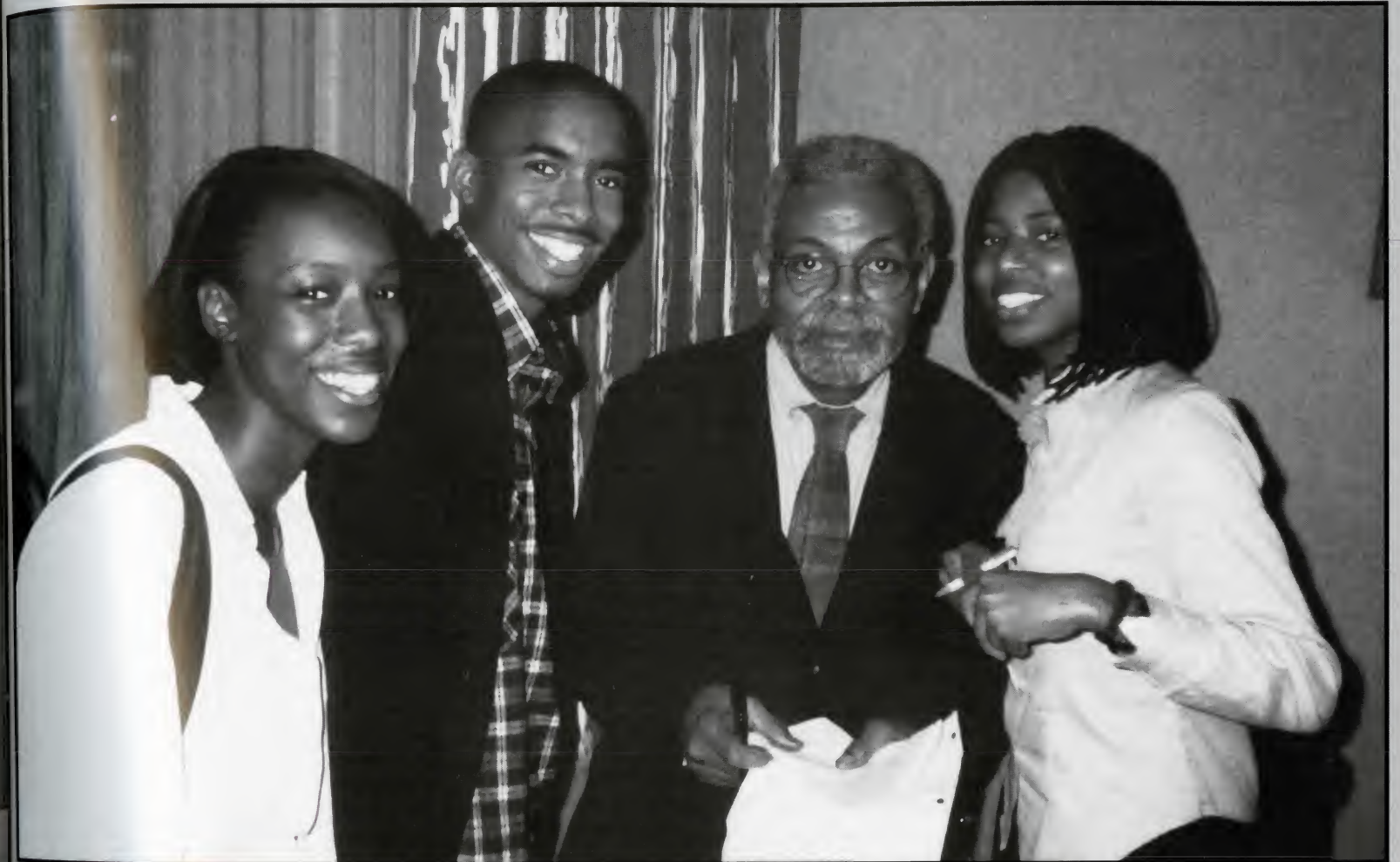


▲ Author and poet Gwendolyn Brooks signs autographs.



▲ Gwendolyn Brooks takes a short break to pose with Freshman Juliana Anyanwu.

# Black History Month...



▲ Freshman Adrian Guy, Freshman Gray Hall, and Freshman Julie Anyanwu get autographs from speaker Amiri Baraka following the Black History Month program in Lawless Memorial Chapel.

Amiri Baraka was a chief contributor to the Black Arts and Culture Movement of the 1960's, and continues to contribute to the literary landscape of America. He has expressed through his work the joys, sorrows, and pains of African-American reality. To some, Baraka is considered to be the godfather of hip hop music--as he was the first to combine the spoken word with the hard beats of Black music. Baraka has written numerous plays, operas, and collections of poetry such as

The Dutchmen, Jesse Jackson and Black People, and Wise, Whys, Ys. He has also been personally connected to many notable African-Americans such as Malcom X and Cuban-exiled political prisoner Assata Shakur. Through controversy and criticism, Baraka has risen to the top as being a premiere innovator, creator and manipulator of the English language.

"Gwendolyn Brooks has given us memorable characters drawn from Black neighborhoods not just recording the impact of Black urban life, but seeing the art in the way we are."

-Mona Lisa Saloy  
Assistant Professor of English  
and Director of the Creative Writing Program





# ...at the Theatre

Dillard University, in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, and as a prelude to Black History month, viewed a showing of *Amistad*. A great percentage of Dillard University students and faculty attended the event on buses chartered by the Office of Student Affairs, which was preceded by breakfast. The whole day began early and served as a testimony to the desire of Dillard students to learn more about their history. The movie itself was enshrined by controversy due to the fact that its director Steven Spielberg was Caucasian. To many, however, the movie's message overrode everything else. The movie chronicled the uprising of Africans taken captive by Europeans on the *Amistad* and how these individuals eventually "won" their freedom in the United States. Viewing the movie made Dillard student contemplate slavery and its gruesome brutality.



▲ Freshman **Milton Lewis** ponders the legacy of racism that slavery has left behind.

"*Amistad* was definitely an eye-opener for my friends and I. It touched my heart, and made me realize that my friends and I take a lot of things for granted. In retrospect, I know that the characters' struggles of the past have helped to shape my future."

-**Erika Hatcher**  
Class of 2001



▲ Dillard students, via school buses, begin to arrive at the Lakeside Theatre in Metairie for the *Amistad* viewing.



▲ Dillard students patiently wait to enter the theater.



▲ Dillard students intently watch the movie *Amistad*.

# See, What Had Happened Was...

When looking back on the school year, it is important to remember not only the fun things you did, but the funny things you got caught doing. This section of the Yearbook has been dedicated to those special, unforgettable, embarrassing moments. Moments that were filled with laughter and pure enjoyment: the time when you fell asleep in class, you missed your chair and landed on the floor, or you tripped over the cracks in the sidewalks. Here are all of those special memories for you to enjoy one more time.



▲ Freshman **Abby Johnson** evidently forgot to be careful coming down the stairs from Williams Hall after it rained one day.

◀ When students are lucky, the food in the cafeteria is hot. So when Sophomore **Previn Butler** ended up with a bowl of food in his lap, he was not too happy.



## Say What?!?

"One of my most embarrassing moments was when I fell asleep in my Biology class. I awoke to see everyone staring at me...including the teacher, who told me I couldn't stay in her class and sleep."

-**Robin Burnett-Wynn**  
Class of 2001



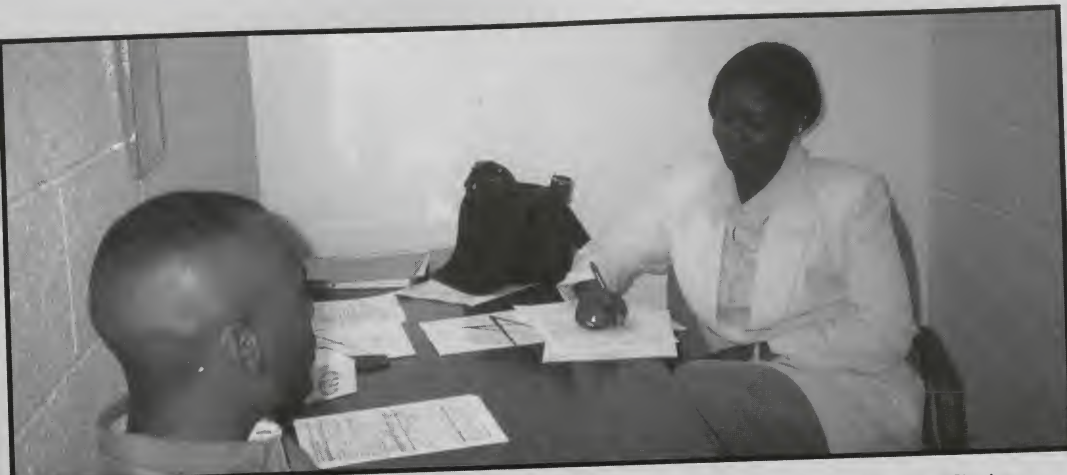
▲ Freshman **Danielle Moncrief** may look calm and composed in this picture, but just a few nights ago at an Omega Psi Phi party, poor Danielle accidentally slipped and fell down while trying to dance.

▲ & ► Dinnertime is always a great time to catch people in funny situations. One night as Freshman **Alicia Sykes** was trying to escape fellow Freshman **Cayle Mortimer**, she was lifted off of the ground by both Cayle and Junior **John Needem**.



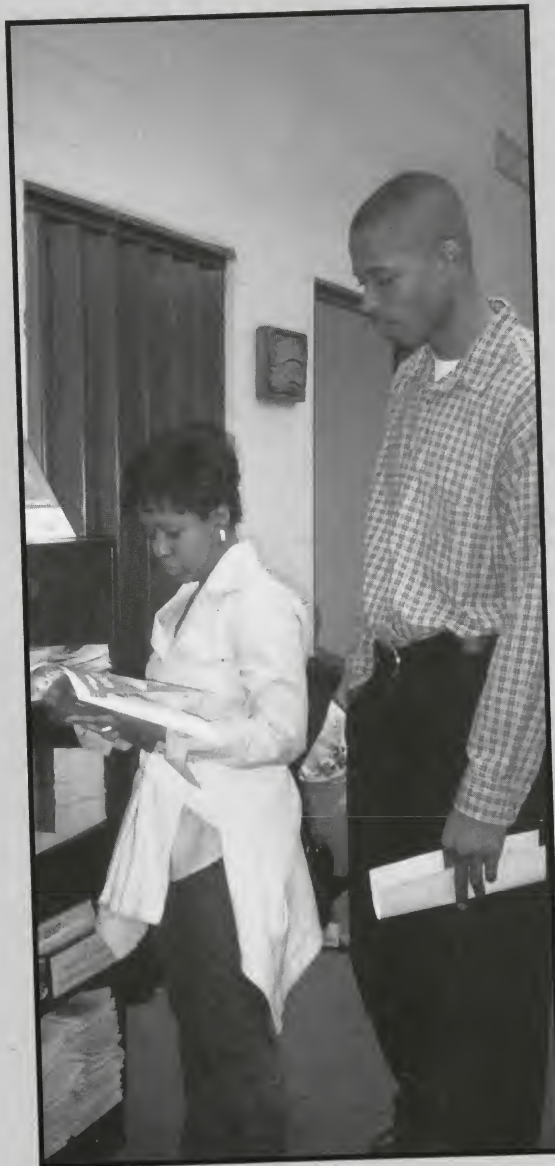


# Career Day



▲ 1997 Dillard University graduate, **Ms. Kendra Walker**, recruits for Lockheed-Martin Missions.

On September 18, 1997, Dillard University hosted its annual Career's Exploration Fair in Albert W. Dent Gymnasium. Students of all majors and classifications packed into Dent Hall to complete job applications and hopefully impress future employers. Many visited the career fair participant stations to hear what the various companies had to offer in terms of summer internships or permanent employment. The annual Career Fair gives students the opportunity to increase self confidence and learn what skills are necessary in order to compete in the job market. This year the Dillard University Placement Office also welcomed Ms. Jonnie M. Estell, the new Director of Career Planning Development and Placement Services. Ms. Estell is a graduate of the National Louis College of Education, Evanston, Illinois, and obtained a Masters from Point Loma Nazarene College in San Diego, California.



▲ Junior **Monique Pappas** and Senior **Sean Semple** visits the Placement Office in order to prepare for graduate school.

"D.U.'s Career Day opened doors for me and helped me to meet new people. As a result, I received an interview with State Farm."

-**Iranell Williams**  
Class of 2000

## Dillard University 1997-1998 Career Exploration Fair Participants:

Aerotek  
Air Force  
Baton Rouge Police Department  
Beneficial Management  
Blockbuster Entertainment  
Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc.  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms  
Bureau of Labor Statistics  
Caddo Parish School Board  
Central Parking System  
Children's Hospital  
Cox Communications  
Deloitte and Touche  
Detroit Police Department  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
Eli Lilly  
Environment Protection Agency  
Examco, Inc.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Correctional Institution  
Hibernia National Bank  
Hospitality Enterprises  
Kenner Police Department  
Louisiana Department of Labor-New Orleans  
LSU University Medical Center-Nursing  
Lundy Enterprises, Inc.  
National Park Service  
New Orleans Police Department  
Northwestern Mutual Life  
Northwest Financial  
Office of Family Support-Orleans Region  
Prudential Preferred Financial Service  
State Farm Insurance Companies  
The Gideon's International  
United States Coast Guard  
United States Customs Service  
United States Navy  
United States Army Recruiting  
USDA/National Finance Company  
U.S. Probation Office  
University of Pittsburgh  
Whitney National Bank



natural sciences and nursing divisions...





The view of Dillard University's campus from Camphor Hall is one that cannot be surpassed. From this vantage point students can often be seen strolling on the Avenue of the Oaks or hurrying to class.

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JR:Nursing  
Burtonsville, MD  
**Nicole Albert**  
FR:Nursing  
New Orleans, LA



**Adriane Anderson**  
FR:Psychology  
Chicago, IL  
**David Archer**  
FR:Biology  
Jackson, MS



**Shannon Aych**  
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Jackson, MS  
**Ahdija Baker**  
JR:Nursing  
Carson, CA



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New Orleans, LA  
**Ayuana Cage**  
SO:Pre-Medicine/Biology  
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Lafayette, LA

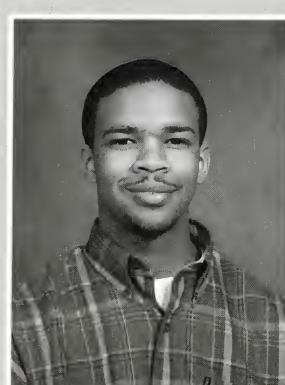
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FR:Pre-Medicine/Biology  
Merryville, LA  
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JR:Computer Science  
Vacherie, LA



**Keiuna Cropper**  
FR:Elementary Education  
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**Erin Dennis**  
FR:Pre-Allied Health  
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**Francis Everett**  
JR:Biology  
New Orleans, LA  
**Lanita Fletcher**  
FR:Pre-Allied Health  
New Orleans, LA



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FR:Pre-Medicine/Biology  
New Orleans, LA  
**Keisha Batiste**  
FR:International Business  
New Orleans, LA  
**LaKeasha Batiste**  
FR:Biology  
Marrero, LA  
**Devin Bellard**  
FR:Nursing  
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**Taniyah Fletcher**  
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New Iberia, LA  
**Kia Bruce**  
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Little Rock, AR



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FR:Computer Science  
St. Louis, MO  
**Jowanna Green**  
FR:Biology  
Longstreet, LA  
**April Greene**  
FR:Nursing  
Rayville, LA  
**Candace Greer**  
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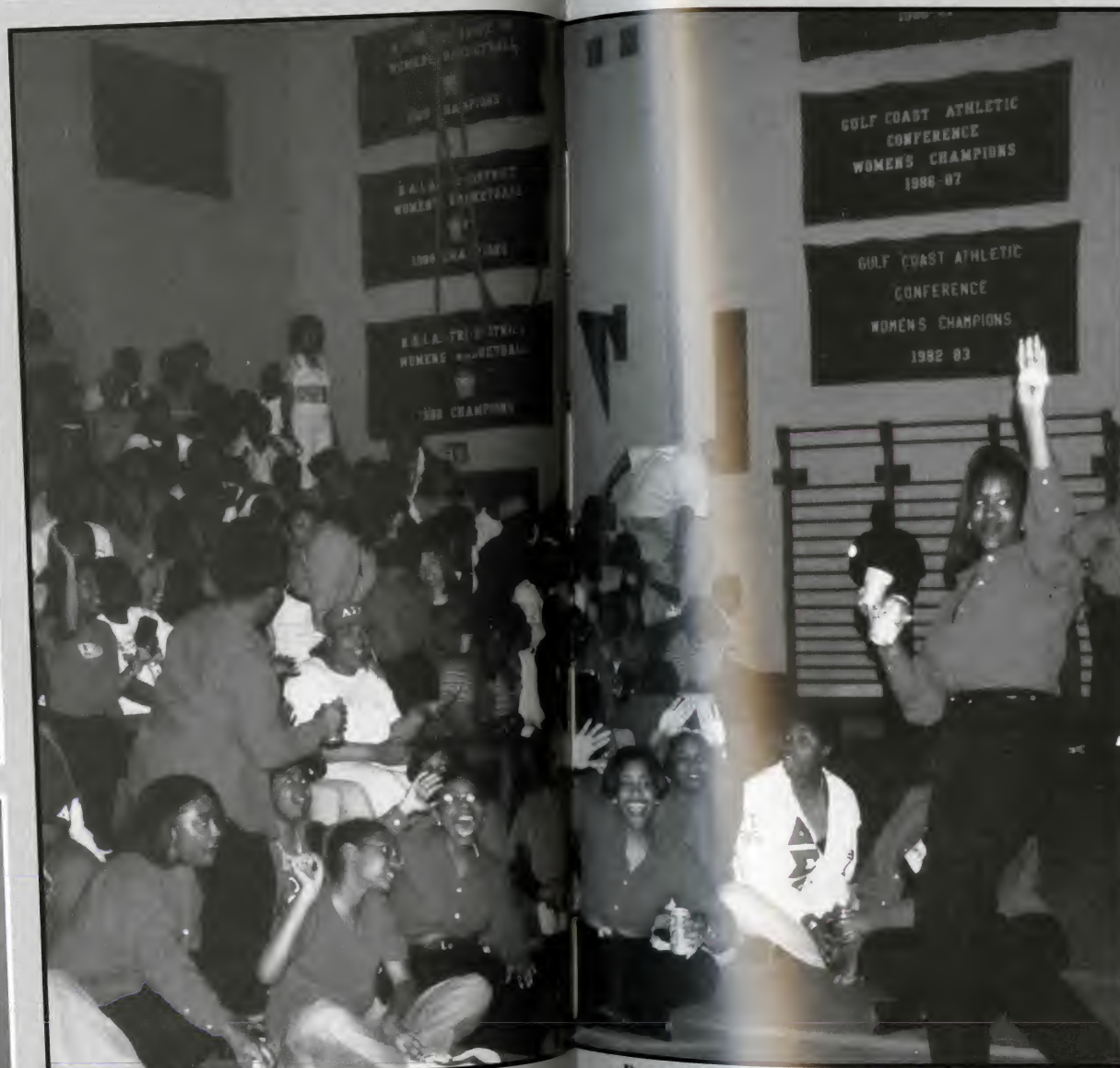
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Geismar, LA  
**Latonya Jackson**  
FR:Biology  
West Memphis, AR  
**Lemuel Jackson**  
JR:Public Health Education  
Houston, TX  
**Kimberly Jenkins**  
FR:Nursing  
Houston, TX



▲ Senior Tareaze Fontenot, Juniors Schandalita members of Dillard's Beta Gamma chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. take a well-deserved break following their performance at One Nation Under A Groove.

Deggs, Quaneisha Hunt, Kesha Matthews, and other Theta Sorority, Inc. take a well-deserved break following their performance at One Nation Under A Groove.



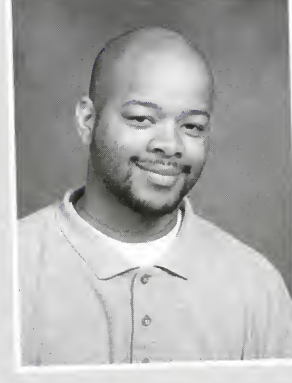
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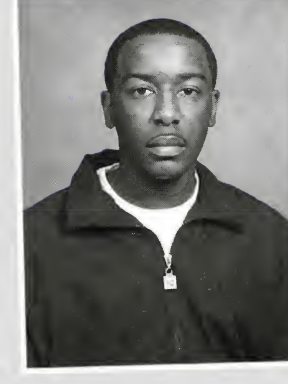
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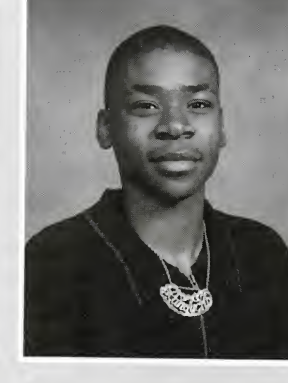
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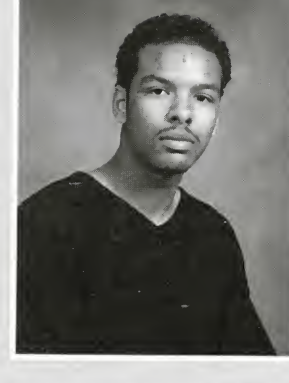
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**Geri Robinson**  
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Birmingham, AL



**Monique Robinson**  
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Thibodaux, LA  
**Erika Rodriguez**  
SO:Engineering  
South America



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DeQuincy, LA  
**Sanikqa Saunders**  
FR:Pre-Medicine/Biology  
Houston, TX  
**Marissa Scott**  
JR:English/Spanish  
DeRidder, LA

▲ Assistant Professor of English, **Chandra T. Mountain**, expresses her skepticism after hearing a remark made by Junior **Nichole Perkins** concerning her views describing the events and attitudes of African-Americans precipitating the 1960's Harlem Renaissance.





**Marla Scott**  
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DeRidder, LA  
**Jamara Shelborne**  
SO:Pre-Allied Health  
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**Lana Singleton**  
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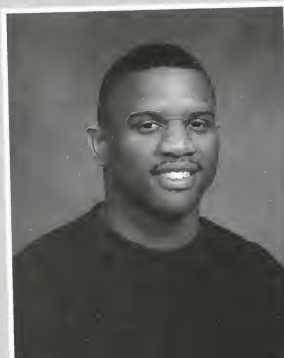
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Bastrop, LA  
**TaNesha Turner**  
FR:Physical Therapy  
Monroe, LA



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**Dawn Veal**  
SO:Nursing  
Baker, LA  
**Heather Wade**  
FR:Pre-Medicine/Biology  
Jackson, MS  
**Leontean Walker**  
FR:Nursing  
Mobile, AL



◀ Freshmen  
**Abijan Johnson, Julie Anyanwu, and Saecilia Jones** take a moment at Dillard's *One Nation Under A Groove* to smile for the camera and show their support for Dillard Greek organizations.

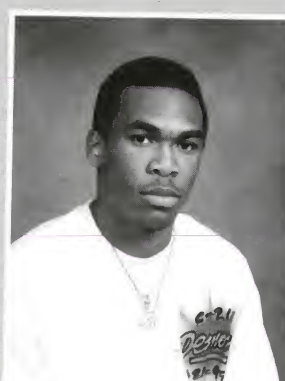
▶ Local elementary school children tour at Dillard under the guidance of their mentor Junior **James Alford**.



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**Natalee Washington**  
FR:Computer Science  
New Orleans, LA  
**Johnny Watkins**  
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**Brandon Wells**  
JR:Pre-Medicine  
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SO:Biological  
Atlanta, GA  
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FR:Nursing  
Luling, LA



**Danielle Williams**  
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**E'Dwina Williams**  
FR:Computer Science  
Houston, TX  
**Shimekia Williams**  
SO:Public Health Admin.  
Jeanerette, LA





# Where's Waldo....Who Cares!

The school year is coming to a close as is another hot spring day at Dillard University. The moon is beginning to take shape and the stars are dancing a ballet against the not yet dark sky. People are walking all across campus, wondering the same thing....Where is the man with the dreds that embodies true Dillard spirit? Where is that sophomore class president that loves Dillard as much as Dillard loves him? Everyone is wondering- where is Previn Butler. Is he in Kearny Lounge or at the duck pond? Is he under the Oaks or in Gentilly Gardens? The search is on! If anyone can find Previn Butler in the following pictures, he or she will be the lucky winner of a free yearbook. Good Luck, Dillard University!



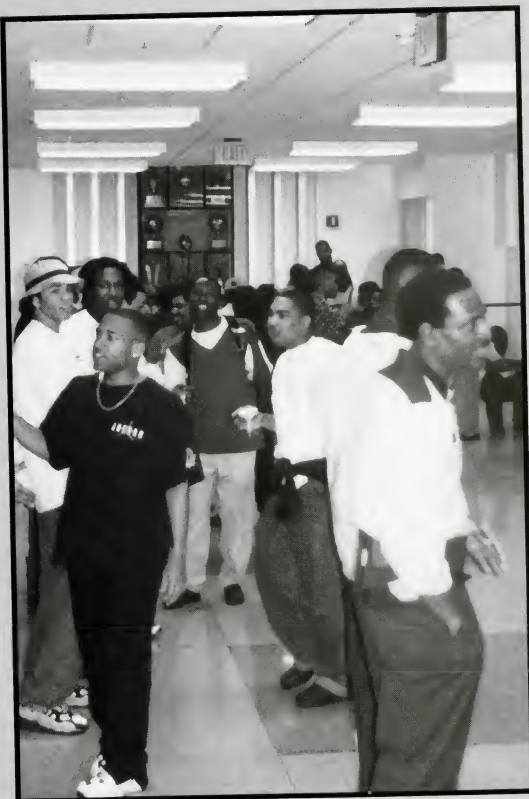
▲ A cluttered room is a great place to hide. Is that Previn peeking out from behind Mr. Panda Bear??



▲ R&B group Playa hypes and excites the Dillard University student body. Previn must be standing in line to see Playa, or is Previn a member of Playa sitting down signing autographs?



▲ A group of Dillard females are having a heated discussion in Williams Hall. Can you spot Previn?



▲ Wherever there is a crowd, Previn always seems to be near. Can you find him in this picture?

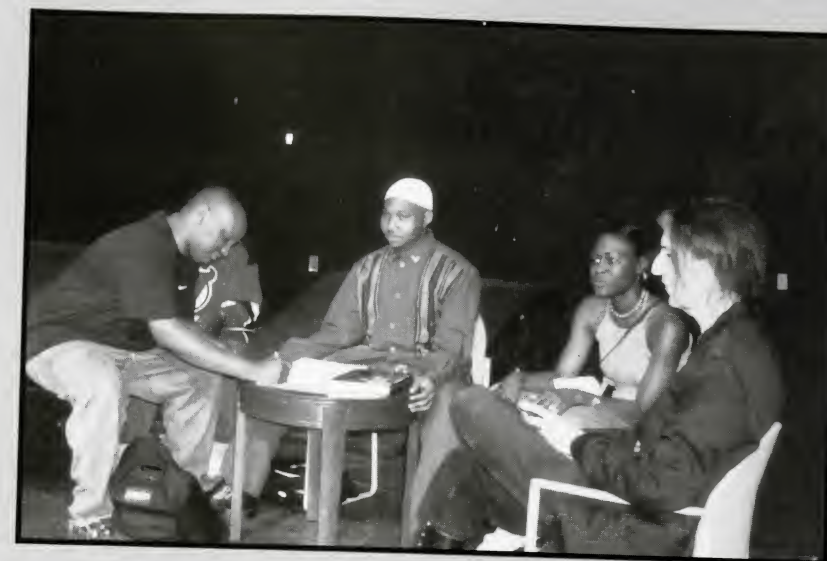
# Where the Heck is Previn Butler ?



▲ The curtain's appear to be moving. Perhaps Previn is moving them....



▲ San Francisco is a busy metropolis, not too far from Previn's hometown of Sacramento. It looks as if Previn is seeking refuge on the very top of a tower that's halfway built.



▲ Drama.....the empty chair must be Previn's!



▲ Is Previn hiding among the sculptures, or is he indeed one of the sculptures?



▲ Erika Jackson's crawfish boil means free food for Previn. Maybe he's under the table, collecting scraps for later....



# Black Jewish Relations

לא תעמד על-דם רעך  
"THOU SHALT NOT STAND IDLY BY."



Ben Shahn

▲ Ben Shahn \*The picture's message refers to the biblical entreaty for Jews to become involved in the effort to fight social injustice. The connected hands aptly describe the situation in which some Blacks and Jews found themselves in during the Civil Rights Movement.

Many wonder why a Black-Jewish dialogue presently exists. Some scholars contend that Jews and Blacks "intuitively" know that our destinies are interwoven as they seemed to be during the Civil Rights Movement due to shared history and struggle. Others staunchly disagree. Many Blacks have become impatient with the feel good talk of old civil rights alliances between Blacks and Jews. They have labeled such talks as "sentimental banter." Blacks are tired of hearing about Black-Jewish commonality because for many this comparison belittles Black historical memory and Black identity. Perhaps if dialogue stopped being concerned with commonalities and sought to access differences, an actual alliance could be forged and the need for one could be recognized if even such a need exists.

The real tragedy of the world today is not that men are poor-all men know something of poverty-not that men are ignorant-what is truth, not that men are wicked-who is good; but that men know so little of men" -W.E.B. DuBois

This quote is one that is used in numerous texts that are concerned with the idea of a strengthened Black-Jewish alliance. The debate, however, lies in the question, "Is there a need for a Black-Jewish alliance is there a deep rooted need for Blacks and Jews to connect?" It is assumed that this is a question that should grasp the political and social consciousness of Black America, but it does not. Many Black Americans feel that a relationship with Jews is not a priority but that "survival" is. Furthermore, conceptions of the America in which Blacks and Jews live serve to further weaken a Black-Jewish alliance and a need thereof. It has been theorized that to Blacks, America is the nation that enslaved them whereas to Jews, America is the "promised" land that made good on its promises.



▲ "Blacks vs. Jews: A Tragic Confrontation" Time Magazine Cover January 1969.



coronation 1997-1998...





# Visions of A Sunset

Friday, November 14th, 1998, Melanie Rogenia Finley was crowned the new Miss Dillard University for the 1997-1998 academic year. Before hundreds of friends, family, and the Dillard community, the Student Government Association paid tribute and honor to both Miss Dillard and Mr. Blue & White through song, dance, and thoughtful ceremony. From First Call to Coronation Call, guests were introduced to some of the best campus representatives Dillard had to offer. During the 1996-1997 school year, students participated in a highly contested, campus-wide election in which Melanie Finley emerged the victor for the Miss Dillard University title. Although the road to being named Miss Dillard is long and arduous, it is well-rewarded in the end. This night has become a memory to be cherished by all who were present, and a special moment in time for Dillard's premier lady. So congratulations to Melanie Rogenia Finley...Miss Dillard University 1997-1998!



▲ Miss Dillard 1996-1997, Gloria Jean Lewis, passes on her title and crown to Melanie Rogenia Finley during the Enthronement of Miss Dillard University 1997-1998.



Melanie Rogenia Finley  
Miss Dillard University 1997-1998



▲ Sophomore Michelle Gibson entertains the audience with an interpretive dance during the Coronation Call of the evenings festivities.



▼ Sophomore Alvarez Kennedy, delivers a moving selection in honor of Miss Dillard.



▼ Following the evening's ceremonies, the newly crowned Miss Dillard is surrounded and congratulated by her two nieces.

The Student Government Association of  
Dillard University  
cordially invites you to the  
Coronation of Miss Dillard 1997-98  
Melanie Rogenia Finley  
and a  
Salute to Mr. Blue and White 1997-98  
Morris Anthony Singletary  
Friday, November 14, 1997  
Eight o'clock in the evening  
Dillard University  
A.W. Dent Hall  
Reception immediately following in Feanny Hall.

► The Royal Court composed of Freshman Attendant Tangelina Robertson, Sophomore Attendant Brandis Griffith, Senior Attendant Lakeisha Thomas, and Junior Attendant Keshia Matthews surround Miss Dillard 1997-1998 to pose for a special moment in time. Elected by the student body in the previous academic year, these four young women represented their respective classes in the coronation exercises, and served as attendants to Miss Dillard.



DILLARD UNIVERSITY  
97-98 CORONATION

## Coronation Spotlight:

Miss Dillard, Melanie R. Finley, is escorted by her father, Mr. Melton Finley, highlighting the evening's ceremonies, and signaling the beginning of the CoronationCall.



"As the dawn of a new day transforms into the dusk of a new night, the sky changes from an energetic, bright yellow to a subtle, orange hue of light. And with the setting of the sun comes a warm and soothing breeze, softly whispering as it gushes along the sweet name of Miss Melanie Finley. She descends in all her splendor a divine gift from God to me and you, a blessing, a dream realized, and a wish come true."

-Leonardo Brown  
exerpt from Visions of a Sunset



◀ Before the Coronation ceremonies, class attendants Tangelina, Keshia, Brandis, and Lakeisha took a moment to pose with Dominique Bartley and Courtney Roberts. Dominique and Courtney had the honor of serving as royal pages for the evening's occasion.



## Second Call

## Fifth Call



Miss & Mr. Junior  
Ocpivia Johnson & Napoleon Bracy



Miss Black & Gold  
Keren Charles



Miss Pre-Law Society  
Jennifer Quarles



Miss Delta Sigma Theta  
Keisha Felton



SGA Chaplain  
Khalilah Elliott



Miss Beta Upsilon  
Rachell Williams



Miss Williams Hall  
Karanique Stewart



Miss College Republicans  
Adria Tippins



Mr. Camphor Hall  
James Conley



Miss & Mr. Freshman  
Kimbria Jones & Graham Williams



SGA Parliamentarian  
Shekeena Gaither



SGA Treasurer  
Dana Duncan



Miss & Mr. BSU  
Adrian Guy & Terrence Jackson



Miss & Mr. Sophomore  
Staci Robillard & Mario Cassel



Miss & Mr. Public Health  
Dionee Raymond & Mario Lewis



Miss & Mr. Theatre  
Ruth Philimen & Leslie Eliard



Miss & Mr. A-A Society  
Tracee Thompson & Jordan Rhone II



Miss Krinson & Kream  
Ca'Juan Washington



Miss & Mr. Students in Free Entpr.  
Latonia Smith & Ryan Green



Miss Gamma Sigma Sigma  
Raina Morgan



Miss D.U. Dance Ensemble  
Sere'di Montgomery



Miss & Mr. Pan-Hell Council  
Michelle Smith & Randall Donald



Miss Alpha Phi Omega  
Gavina Scroggins



Miss Sigma Gamma Rho  
Corice Williams



# Saluting Dillard's Premiere Man



*Morris Anthony Singletary*  
*Mr. Blue & White 1997-1998*

On Friday, November 14, 1997, an evening of elegance planned by the Student Government Association took place crowning Miss Dillard University and saluting Mr. Blue and White 1997-1998, Morris Anthony Singletary. In ceremonies conducted in the Dent Hall Gymnasium, Morris had the distinct honor of being only the third Mr. Blue and White in Dillard's history. During the spring semester of the previous school year, students participated in a campus-wide election in which they overwhelmingly chose Morris to represent them as Mr. Blue and White for the coming academic year. During his reign as Mr. Blue and White, Morris did not dissappoint the student body, and was the catalyst in bringing reform to the Mr. Blue and White position for the benifit of future Dillard University men.



▲ Morris Singletary, Mr. Blue and White, and Melanie R. Finley, Miss Dillard University, acknowledge the crowd's applause with a royal wave.

## Morris A. Singletary

Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies and Public Policy  
Graduation Candidate: May 1999

A 1995 graduate of North Clayton High School in Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Singletary entered Dillard University in the fall of the 1995-1996 academic year. Since his freshman year Mr. Singletary has been committed to working towards a bachelors degree in Urban Studies and Public Policy. For the past three years, Dillard has been fortunate enough to have in Mr. Singletary a dedicated individual who is viewed as not only an activist, but a student committed to uplifting his fellow man through his many involvements in campus organizations. During the 1997-1998 academic year Mr. Singletary participated in the Dillard University Ambassador program in which he served as captain, was a member of the Admission Standards and Policy Committee, sung with the Chancel Choir, and served the student body in a host of other worthy positions. Dillard University is proud to salute such a man of conviction and committment as Mr. Blue & White 1997-1998.

*Congratulations Morris!*

"Holding the position of Dillard University's Mr. Blue and White has given me the opportunity to promote better activities on campus, in addition to adding males to our Coronation court with class Kings. I would like to thank God and everyone who supported me this year."

-Morris Anthony Singletary



▲ The day following Coronation, the celebration continues with a campus and city-wide parade. Above, Mr. Blue & White and Miss Dillard participate in the festivities with a carriage ride through the city.



◀ Mr. Blue & White, Morris Singletary, and Miss Dillard, Melanie R. Finley, are surrounded and congratulated by friends (from left to right) Khalilah Elliott, Aisha McClendon, Malika Gipson, Andrea Dandridge, Raschanda Hall, Shekeena Gaither, Fatima Marsch, Dana Duncan, and Tracee Thompson concluding the night's ceremonies.



**DILLARD UNIVERSITY**  
**97-98 CORONATION**



▲ Mr. Blue and White and Miss Dillard raise their glasses in a toast for the evening's celebration.





◀ Freshman Yolandra Chiles, Sophomore Percy G. Humphrey, and Freshman Joanna Kirby.

## After the Sunset...



► Freshman Class Attendant Tangelina Robertson and companion take a moment to take a picture at the conclusion of the evening's ceremonies.



▲ Mr. Freshman, Graham Williams, and Miss Freshman, Kimbia Jones, find each other through the crowd of well-wishers to pair up for a picture before moving to Kearny Hall.



▲ Following the Coronation ceremonies, the Student Government Association sponsored a reception in Kearny Hall. Above, Freshmen Veronica Dawson, Betinna Weston, Lauren Burnett, Joanna Kirby, Juliana Anyanwu, Jernell Casey, Tenesha Frazier, Candice McCain, Kendra Calais, and Yashica Harris show off their beautiful dresses and smiles.



◀ Sophomore Class President Previn K. Butler and fellow Sophomore Shenessa Avila await the arrival of the newly crowned Miss Dillard and Mr. Blue & White.

## At Dillard University

The real question, however, is centered around the generation of today. What are their feelings regarding Black-Jewish relations? How do Dillardites feel in lieu of the fact that Black-Jewish relations have long been a concern and focus for Dillard University as a result of Dillard housing the only Black-Jewish Relations Center in the world? Do their opinions reflect those of the so-called older generation? In a round table discussion involving Marcus Howard, Brandis Griffith, Abijan Johnson, Tracey Todd and Africa Harris, perspectives were shared and a common attitude could be found in discussion remarks. Marcus began the discussion by commenting that "Black-Black relations should be our main issue now. No collective connections will strive outside the race until we (the Black Community) are situated. We must start with ourselves and then branch out." Abijan Johnson agreed by saying that we as African-Americans have our own issues to deal with and when we settle those issues then we can forge an alliance outside the race. Todd put it simply by saying that "We can't bring anything to the table if our kitchen is on fire." When asked about the dynamics of Black-Jewish relationships, Griffith stated that she does not recognize resentment on either side but that she does understand how a resentment might be fostered. "Jews are Jews everyday, as are Blacks. However, my being Black is the first thing people notice about me. People will use the color of my skin to judge, and ultimately condemn me. For the most part, Jews are not categorized as Jews at first glance and as a result can draw little personal connection to my present experience and experiences." Despite the above views, students participating in the round table discussion all thought that Black-Jewish connections should continue to be important to Dillard as it is an important part of Dillard's history and physical existence. Dillard students enjoyed recognition of the aforementioned connection through a film series intended to widen perspectives that consisted of socially relevant documentaries and foreign films. The favorite among students was "Zebra Head." This film chronicled Black-Jewish relations and their effects within the realm of interracial dating and societal effects in a small integrated Chicago neighborhood. The film created much discussion amongst the students that viewed it and ultimately caused students to examine and re-examine their own perspectives and views.



▲ Freshmen Tameka Major-Munroe, Jerome Sandifer, Gray Hall, and Abijan Johnson discuss the movie "Zebra Head."



▲ Freshmen Tracey Todd uses her hand to illustrate her point to Junior Marcus Howard as they discuss Black-Jewish relations over lunch.



▲ Freshmen L'Shantey Wells, Tameka McGee, and Sophomores Christopher Collins and Jean-Luc Pierite are all participants in the open forum discussion on student activism.



# Past, Present, & Beyond.....

This year's conference was the ninth annual conference on Black-Jewish relations and was entitled "A Dialogue on Race From Women's Perspectives." The conference began with the exhibit opening of "From Selma to Montgomery," a collection on larn from the Smithsonian, the exhibit attempts to capture the historic civil rights march on "Bloody Sunday" in 1965. The conference continued buoyed by the presence of numerous scholars, writers, poets, professors and politicians. On the first day of the conference special guests included Congressman John Lewis, D-GA, and Rev. Dr. Walter E. Fauntroy, a former member of Congress, as well as Michael R. Wenger, Deputy Director of Outreach and Program Development for the Presidents initiative on Race. The keynote speakers on te first day of the conference programming were celebrated women Dr. Melanie Kaye-Kantrowitz and Kimberle Crenshaw.

## BLACK-JEWISH RELATIONS

Kaye-Kantrowitz is a poet-writer and is founder of an organization that supports racial and economic solidarity for Jews. Crenshaw is a renown feminist legal critic, scholar, and television personality who has taught at University of California at Loas Angeles and Columbia Law School. Crenshaw is considered to be an expert on civil rights, Black feminist legal theory and race, racism, and the law. She is also founder of African American agenda 200, a group od Black men and women working to affirm the centrality of women's issues and leadership in the Black community. These two women presented and led the discussion on "What Will Race Mean inthe 21st Century?" Their presentation was followed by a question and answer period moderated by Dr. Miriam Peskowitz, Associate Professor of Religion at the University of Florida.



▲ Invitation to the ninth Annual Conference on Black-Jewish Relations at Dillard University.



▲ Dillard University professor **Randall Frost** leads a student/community discussion following the showing of "Zebra Head."

# A Legacy of Debate & Tolerance

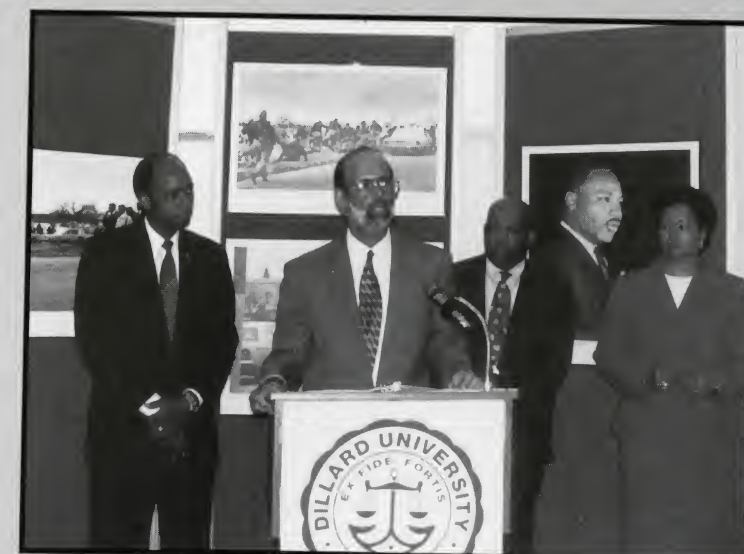


▲ Dillard administration, faculty, and community members patiently wait for the unveiling of the Smithsonian exhibit.



▲ Congressman **John Lewis**, D-GA forcefully reiterates the importance of the Civil Rights Movement today.

The second and last days of the conference welcomed speakers, Dr. Diedre Crumbley and Dr. Marshall Stevenson, Jr. Crumbley is currently professor of Anthropology and Religion at the University of Florida. Dr. Stevenson is one of Dillard's finest. He is Associate Professor of history at Dillard specializing in African-Americanurban and labor history. He is currently completing a book manuscript entitled 'Points of Departure, Acts of Resolve: Black-Jewish Relations in Detroit, "1930-1962." Crumbley and Stevenson led discussion on the topic "The Politics of Households and Homes." The conference's last day did not just consist of speakers but also included workshops and small open forum discussions that ran int eh afternoon. Such topics included "The Holocaust and the Middle Passage: Comparisons and Contrasts," "Debates on Affirmative Action," and "President Clinton's Commission on Race: A Mini Town Hall Meeting." These sessions were unique as many of them were led by students as well as scholars, professors, and other professionals. The conference as a whole was very successful and continued to open the doors to cross-cultural reality, understanding, and friendship.



▲ **President Lomax** gives opening remarks at the "From Selma to Montgomery" art exhibit on



# Articulation Agreement

Dillard University and Nunez Community College



▲ The President of Nunez Community College, Dr. Carol Hopson with Dr. Michael Lomax after the signing of the Articulation Agreement between Nunez Community College and Dillard University.



▲ Dr. Lomax discusses the Agreement with the Executive Council of Nunez Community College and the Divisional Chairpersons of Dillard University.

▶ Doctors Hopson and Lomax sign the Agreement with Dr. Gerri Elie witnessing the historic event.



▼ Dr. Henry Lacy and Dr. Gerri Elie shake hands while the Executive Council of Nunez Community College and the Divisional Chairpersons of Dillard University applaud after the signing of the Articulation Agreement.



The current Articulation Agreement is between Dillard University and Nunez Community College allows the two institutions plan to engage in a series of dialogues to strengthen each other. In this agreement, Dillard and Nunez agree to review all academic programs with a goal toward future articulation of other programs leading to associate degrees at the Nunez Community College and baccalaureate degrees at Dillard University. Dillard agrees to guarantee placement above the freshman level and accept college credit for transferring students who follow a specific articulated plan of study to receive an associate degree.

.....D.U. at a Glance.....



◀ A group of Dillard University students enjoy the night air while hanging out on Dent Hall Terrace after a patio show.



▲ Freshmen Heather Johnson and Tamara Ellis posing for a picture in a William Hall dorm room.



▲ Freshmen Roweena Davis, Saecilia Jones, and Catherine Bastian smiling pretty for the camera.



▲ Senior Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorors Melanie Finley, Kelsan Shaw, and Dana McDonald "skee-wee" during halftime at the Dillard/Xavier basketball game.

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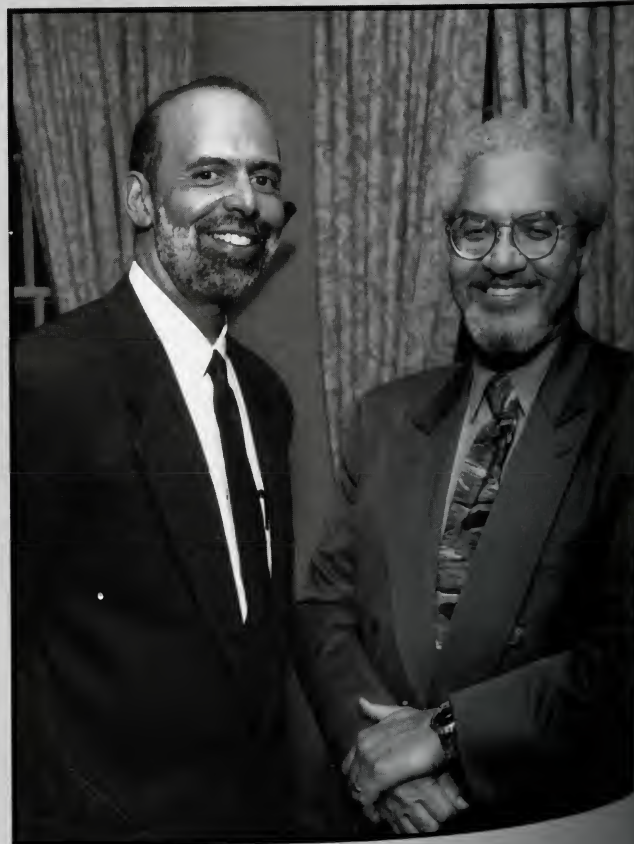
# Dr. Manning Marable

On November 17, 1997, in the Samuel DuBois Cook Fine Arts Center, the Dillard University community was blessed by the words and wisdom of Dr. Manning Marable. Dr. Marable was present to enlighten the Dillard University students and staff of the struggles that older generations had to overcome. In addition to being the Director of the Institute for Research in African American Studies at Columbia University, Dr. Marable is considered one of Black America's most influential intellectuals. While at Dillard, Dr. Marable urged faculty and students alike to deal with today's issues head on by staying in school and getting a good education.

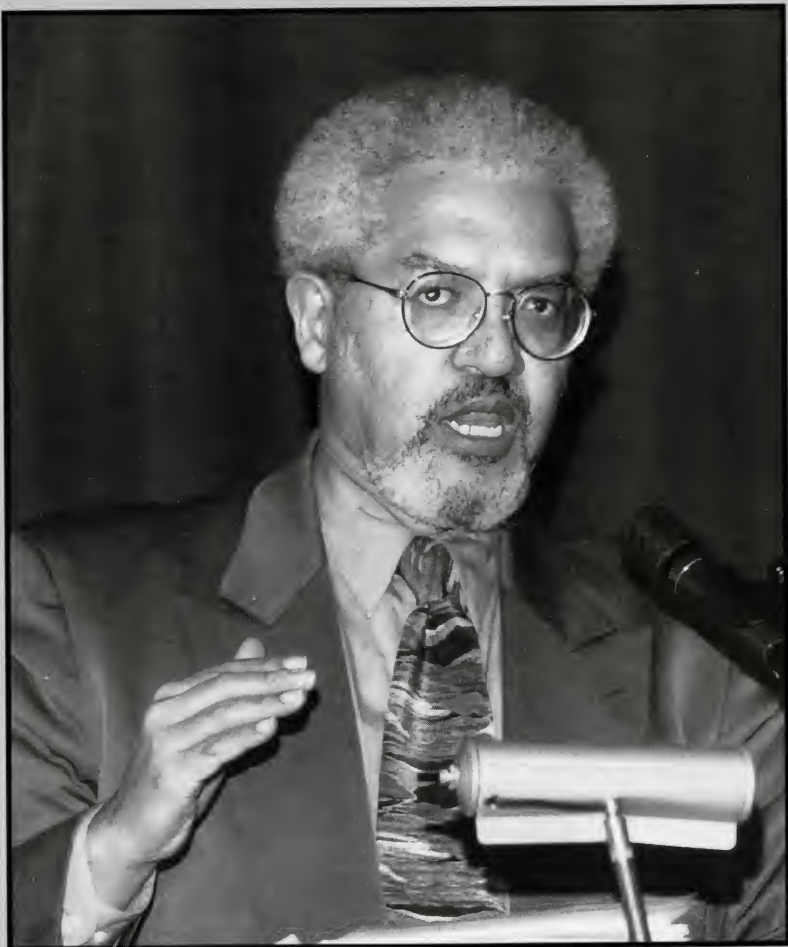


▲ Dr. Marable takes his presentation outside of the Fine Arts Center.

► Dr. Marable speaking to a student following his presentation.



▲ President Michael Lomax and Dr. Manning Marable.



▲ Dr. Marable speaking in the Cook Center and urging students to work hard where their education is concerned.

# Dillard University Girl Scouts

Girl Scout troops 203, Brownies, and 360, Daisies, were established on our campus in the spring of 1997 as a result of the collaborated efforts of Senior Moiya Press, Diane Rose, and Dr. Glenda Johnson. The original troops combined, consisted of twenty-eight Girl Scouts and thirty volunteers; however, today the combined troops are approximately thirty-three members large. This year, troops 203 and 360 went camping for the first time since

their establishment. Troop leaders, Juniors Bridgett Jordan, Michelle Harris, and Tamara Middleton, along with Sophomores Kimberly White and Cheri Leary and a parent, Jene Smith, took seventeen Girl Scouts on an overnight camping adventure at Camp Covington in Covington, LA. The girl scouts and troop leaders embarked upon adventures such as: tie-dyeing tee-shirts, swimming, hiking, making friendship pins and corn-husk dolls, and singing around the campfire.



▲ Girl Scout junior, Cianne Jefferson, and brownie, June White, play a game of "Old Mary Mack" on Albert W. Dent terrace.



▲ These cadets, juniors, and brownies blissfully exhibit their Girl Scout sign. The three raised fingers stand for the three parts of the Girl Scout promise.



▲ After completing a thirty minute hike, these Girl Scouts play in the river in order to cool off. The hike around the camp site was the first activity for the Girl Scouts during their camping trip.



▲ Sophomore Kimberly White assists Girl Scout junior, Asia Scoggins, with making an A-frame fire while other Girl Scouts watch and learn. Kimberly learned the A-frame fire technique while at camp training held on February 28-March 1, 1998.

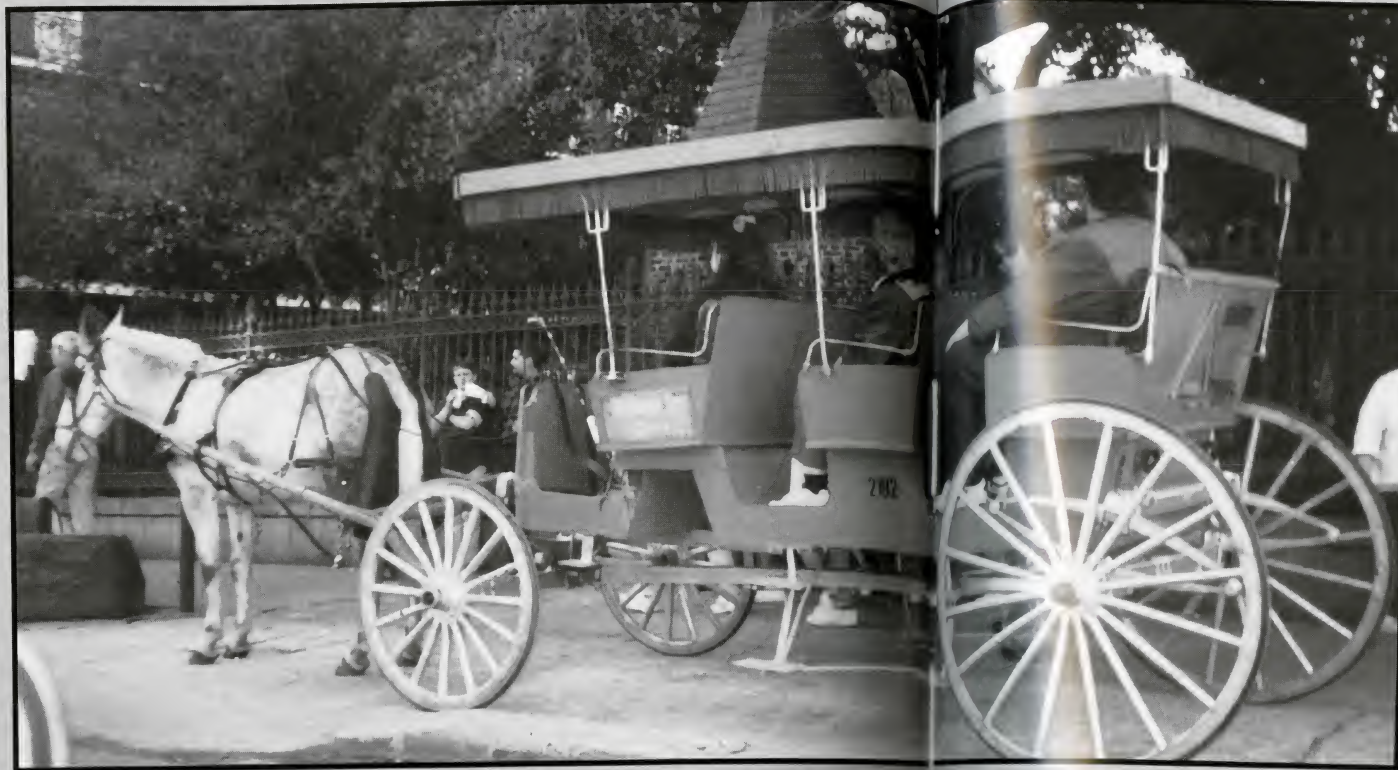


▲ In preparation of loading and boarding the bus, these Girl Scouts listen attentively as instructions are being given by brownie leader, Junior Michelle Harris. Michelle serves as the troop's first aid person, so she assures the Girl Scouts perform all activities in a safe manner.



# Life in New Orleans

For college students, life in New Orleans can be ever-exciting, ever-enticing, and full of ever-lasting fun. New Orleans, also referred to as the Crescent City because of its curved position along Lake Pontchartrain, is one of the most world-renowned sites and popular cities in the United States. Known for the spicy Cajun and Creole foods, the Spanish and French influenced architecture and music, New Orleans has many attractions that lure visitors from around the world. The "Big Easy" also hosts the Bayou Classic, Mardi Gras, carnival season, and the Essence Music Festival. There is no doubt that college students can ALWAYS find something to do, from shopping at the Riverwalk to walking down Bourbon Street at night. Simply put, anything and everything is possible in New Orleans, Louisiana.



▼ Tourists enjoy an old-fashioned carriage ride down Decatur Street in the French Quarter.



▲ A billboard advertises the House of Blues, where many college students flock every Thursday for college night.

► Sophomore Letitia "Tweety" Dillard has fun swinging in one of the many gift shops located in the French Market.

▼ Known for its beautiful architecture influenced by Spanish and French cultures, many of the city's buildings have balconies with patterned fences enclosing them, just as this one has.



▼ Planet Hollywood, a restaurant that is popular in most major U.S. cities, is located just adjacent to the French Quarter.

## Top Twenty Places to Visit in New Orleans:

- |                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. French Quarter           | 11. New Orleans Cemeteries |
| 2. Bourbon Street           | 12. Hard Rock Cafe         |
| 3. Dillard University       | 13. New Orleans Superdome  |
| 4. Cafe Du Monde            | 14. Lakeside Mall          |
| 5. The Riverwalk            | 15. Tulane University      |
| 6. French Market            | 16. Canal Place Mall       |
| 7. Aquarium of the Americas | 17. UNO Lakefront          |
| 8. Audubon Zoo              | 18. Fashion Cafe           |
| 9. House of Blues           | 19. Ralph & Kacoo's        |
| 10. Planet Hollywood        | 20. French Market          |

\* There was a local university called "X-something" that was not deemed important enough to make our list.



◀ Cafe Du Monde is a coffee shop where you can sit down and enjoy a warm cup of cafe au lait and eat French doughnuts covered with powdered sugar, also known as beignets.



◀ Talented street musicians play Cajun and Zydeco tunes for crowds on Decatur Street.



▲ This man is known as the "Man Who Stands Still." You can find him on Decatur Street, striking a difficult pose and holding it for over five minutes in order to attract spectators.





# Dillard University Black Art Feature



▲ A group of Dillard University students listen intently to Pearl Cleage's advice at a luncheon given in her honor.

Dillard University welcomed Atlanta-based author, scholar, columnist, and playwrightist Pearl Cleage in its first Fat Tuesday Visiting Writer series of Black History Month. Cleage, author of *What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day*, read from her new novel and signed books for a standing-room only crowd on February 3, 1998, in Kearny Lounge. Cleage engaged Dillard's Creative Writing students in a stimulating discussion over lunch, and participated in a mini-residency in creative writing. Assistant professor of English, Mona Lisa Saloy, coordinated her visit.

(Sources: "Dillard Today," March 1998 issue)

..... at the University Theatre.....



Nina Domingue



Jamal Sterling



Jason Davis



Leslie Elliard



T'Shon Bryan

## PLAYBILL

The University Theatre at Dillard  
presents

### THE HOURGLASS

by  
Robert Alexander



Samuel DuBois Cook Fine Arts &  
Communications Center  
Dillard University

November 19-22 & 24, 1997 at 8:00 PM  
November 23, 1997 at 3:00 PM

"It's Showdown Time"

## PLAYBILL

The University Theatre at Dillard  
presents

### It's Showdown Time

By  
Don Evans



Samuel DuBois Cook Fine Arts &  
Communications Center  
Dillard University

October 8-11 & 13, 1997 @ 8:00 p.m.  
October 12, 1997 @ 3:00 p.m.

"The Hourglass"

"This was the year when we really tried to celebrate our students, being young, gifted, and black, and I am so completely proud of the talented core of students that we have who have laid the foundation for those to come."

- Garey Hyatt  
Instructor of Speech Communications and Theatre Arts





# PLAYBILL

The University Theatre at Dillard  
presents

## To Be Young, Gifted & Black:

A Portrait of  
**LORRAINE HANSBERRY**  
In Her Own Words

Conceived  
by  
Robert Nemiroff

Adapted & Directed  
by  
Kenshaka Ali



February 14 & 16-18, 1998 at 8:00 p.m.  
February 15, 1998 at 3:00 p.m.  
Samuel DuBois Cook Fine Arts & Communications Center  
Dillard University

"To Be Young, Gifted, and Black"



Kimberly Bright



Darnell Richardson

**D**illard University theatre students made an outstanding showing at the 1997 Louisiana College Theatre Festival, held November 19-22, 1997, at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond. Nina Domingue, a senior New Orleans native, and Jamal Sterling, a junior from Detroit, MI, won individual acting honors for "It's Showdown Time." Leslie Elliard, a senior from Detroit, MI, and Jason Davis, a sophomore from Houston, TX, won similar honors for their roles in "Djinn and Juice." In playwriting, T'Shon Bryan, a junior from Brooklyn, NY, was recognized for penning "Djinn and Juice," which placed first runner-up in a national original one-act play festival last April. T'Shon Bryan has also been selected by Wordbridge Playwrights Laboratory to attend its two-week dramatic writing workshop scheduled January 10-24 at Ekerd College in Saint Petersburg, FL. Bryan's time at Wordbridge will be spent developing his first full-length script for possible inclusion in Dillard's 1998-99 theatre season.

(Sources: "Dillard Today," March 1998 issue)

"The trifecta theatre season of 1997-1998 was exciting for the audience and challenging for the actors."

-Dr. Alexander Marshall  
Coordinator of the Speech Communication and Theatre Arts

# PLAYBILL

University Theatre at Dillard  
presents

*James Weldon Johnson's*

## GOD'S TROMBONES

*Music by Gordon Myers  
Adapted and Directed by Alex C. Marshall*



Samuel DuBois Cook Fine Arts & Communications Center  
Dillard University  
April 22-25 & 27, 1998 @ 8:00 P.M.  
April 26, 1998 @ 3:00 & 8:00 P.M.

"God's Trombones"



commencement...



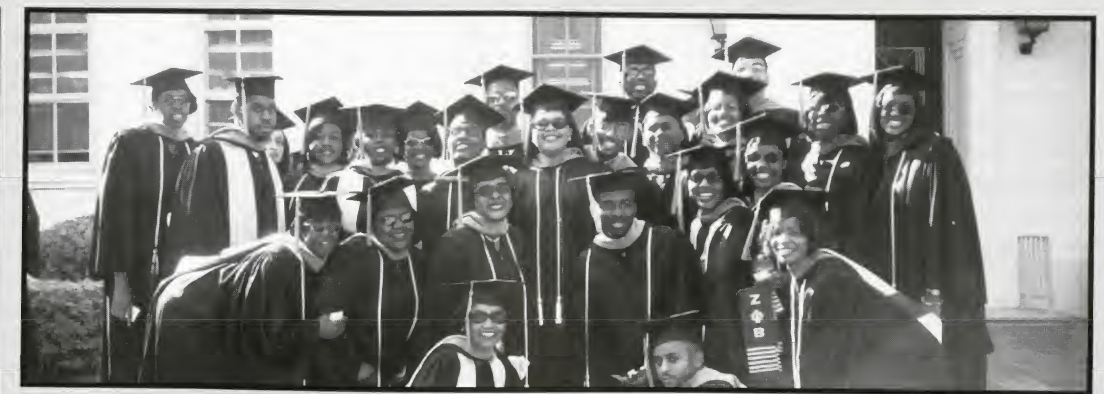
▼ Senior Marshall **Roger D. Dickerson, II** can't help but flash a grin before the ceremonies begin. Later in the evening, **Roger** was named Valdictorian of his graduating class.



▼ **Letitia "Tweety" Dillard** and other members of the University Choir prepare for graduation exercises. The D.U. Choir treated those present to selections such as "In Bright Mansions," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "Fare Ye Well."



A black and white photograph of six graduates in caps and gowns, smiling for a group portrait. They are standing outdoors in front of a building with large windows. The graduates are arranged in two rows, with three in the front and three slightly behind them. They are all wearing dark academic regalia. The photo is mounted on a page with a decorative border.



A black and white photograph showing a large crowd of people, many wearing white uniforms, gathered outdoors for a ceremony. The crowd is dense, and the background shows trees and a building.

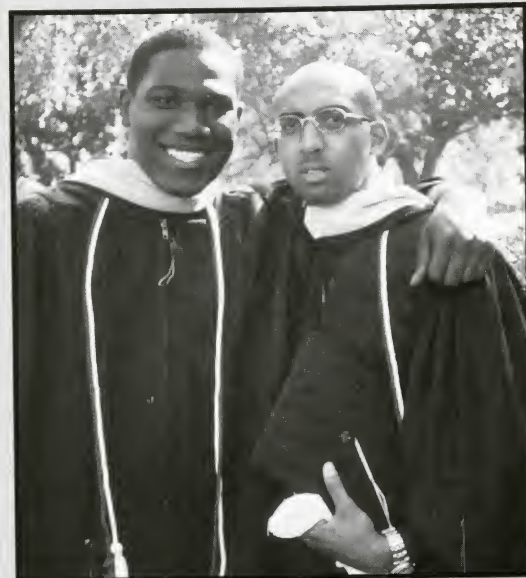




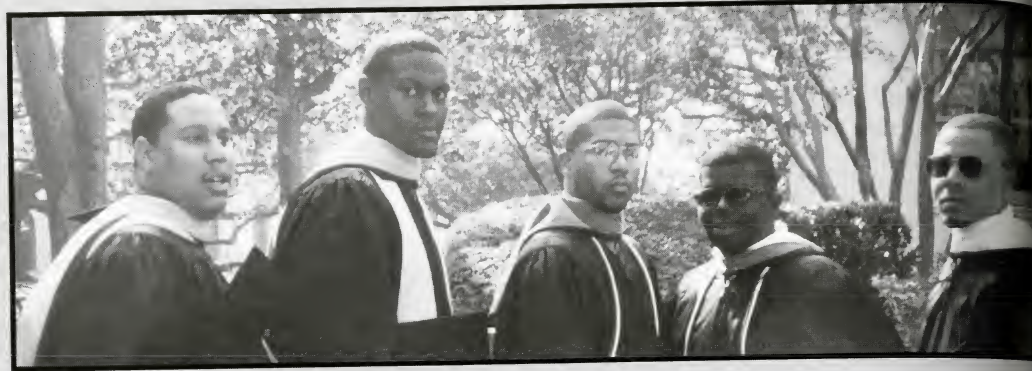
▲ **Keren Charles and Torri Buckles** were so happy to be graduating that they forgot to listen to President Lomax.



▲ What is this?!? Another picture of the DOB? Well....when you've got it flaunt it!



▲ Seniors **Cedric Cloud** and **Larry Napoleon** show that four years of friendship often has shared accomplishments and special moments.



▲ **Mario Lewis, Otis Anderson, Ray Humphrey, and Walter Tillman** give us a taste of doing graduation "Alpha Style."



◀ The D.U. Female Quartet stuns the crowd with their breath-taking performance.

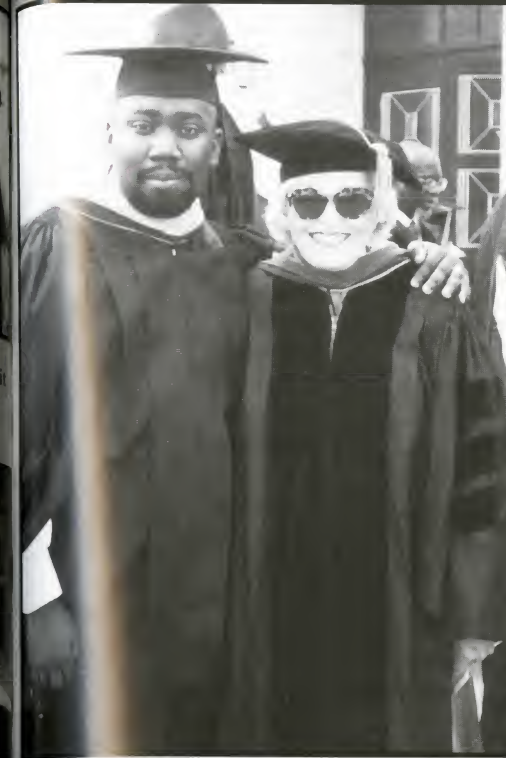


▲ "Diva's Diva's, left and right, the Division of Social Sciences was so, so tight!!"

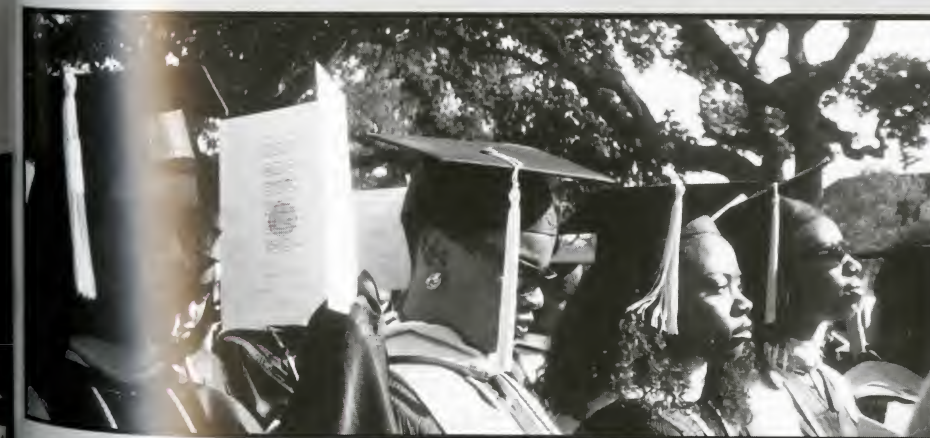
► From the Division of Business to the Division of Humanities, Dillard ladies are beyond compare.



◀ Graduates check their programs after being seated



## Division of Business Graduates



▼ Reverend **Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.** speaking to a captive audience.



◀ **Dr. Sylvia Ballard-Huete** smiles with **Mr. Darrin Rankin** in front of Rosenwald Hall preceding commencement exercises.



▼ From Zeta's to AKA's, the class of 1998 was full of talented individuals and campus leaders such as **Nina Domingue** and **Torri Buckles**.



◀ **Kwanza Williams** was not trying to let the sun get her down before receiving her degree.

▼ The Sunday before graduation, Dillard hosted its 129th Baccalaureate service where Reverend Dr. Walter L. Kimbrough of Atlanta, GA, delivered the address.

| ORDER OF EXERCISES   |   |
|--|---|
| PROCESSIONAL   | March Triumphant.....Sigrid Karg-Elert  |
| OCCASION   | .....Dr. Michael L. Lomax   |
| **HYMN   | "O God, Our Help in Ages Past".....Mr. S. Carver Davenport, Leader  |
| **INVOCATION   | .....The Rev. Helena Wright-Butler, Pastor<br>Phillips Memorial United Methodist Church<br>New Orleans, Louisiana         |
| INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER  | .....Dr. Michael L. Lomax   |
| MUSIC  | "Battle of Jericho".....Mr. Mose G. Hogan<br>Dillard University Concert Choir<br>Mr. S. Carver Davenport, Director        |
| ADDRESS  | .....The Rev. Dr. Walter L. Kimbrough, Senior Pastor<br>Cascade United Methodist Church<br>Atlanta, Georgia               |
| MUSIC  | "Ezekiel Saw de Wheel".....Mr. William L. Dawson<br>Dillard University Concert Choir<br>Ms. Shirlean McEwen, '98, Soloist |
| **FAIR DILLARD   | .....Words by William Stuart Nelson<br>Music by Frederick D. Hall   |
| **BENEDICTION  | .....The Rev. Hadley R. Edwards, Pastor<br>Bethany United Methodist Church<br>New Orleans, Louisiana                      |
| RECESSIONAL  | .....Grand Chorus.....Thosdore Dubois   |
| **Audience standing.   |   |
| Reception immediately following for graduating seniors, parents, faculty, alumni, trustees, and friends in the President's Residence |   |



# Division of Education Graduates



▲ Senior Marshall and class of '98 salutatorian Farai M. Kadzirange.

▲ Accounting major **LaKenya McClenty** was so excited to receive her degree that she forgot to greet Dr. Lomax and Reverend Jackson. You can tell from the looks on their faces that they can't believe she passed them up!



▲ The parents of former Dillard student, **RaShad Sampson**, receive a posthumous B.A. in the Division of Social Sciences on behalf of their son.



▲ Juniors **DeVaria Hudson** and **James Alford** sit amidst the crowd and cheer on the graduates.



▲ **Mona Lisa Saloy**, Assistant professor of English at Dillard University, and other faculty members, cheer on the class of 1998 graduates.



▲ Golden Graduates from Dillard's past participate in commencement exercises. Who knows? At Dillard's graduation ceremonies for 2048, maybe members of the class of 1998 will do the same.

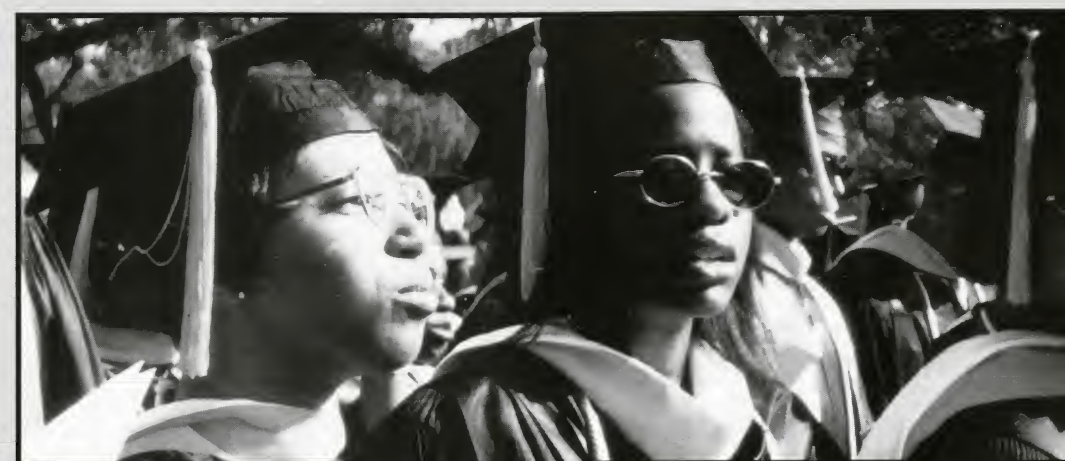


# Division of Natural Sciences Graduates

▼ Senior **LaNaya Wilkins**, a graduate with a B.A. in Arts, smiles as she prepares to form the processional line.



▼ After receiving her B.A. in Accounting, Senior **LaKenya D. McClenty** takes a moment to smile as her final moments at Dillard comes to an end.



▲ Senior **Shirlean McEwen** and other fellow graduates join in the signing of "Fair Dillard" for one last time.



▲ **Dr. Henry C. Lacy**, class of '65, prepares to confer degrees upon graduation candidates.

# Division of Humanities



▲ **Kwanza Williams**

▶ **Tamica Ford**



▲ Graduates listen attentively to President Michael L. Lomax's address.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO  
THE CLASS OF 1998!!!



# Sophomore Point of View



◀ In celebration of Sophomore's **Chasidy Cornealious'** birthday, she and Sophomore **Qiana Thomas** traveled to Cucos Mexican Restaurant for a good meal.

▼ Enchanted by the surrounding activities, Sophomores **Trina Proctor**, **Alana Thomas**, and Freshman **Tante Chatman** reveal an imminent smile.



"The candle-lighting ceremony was a very nice event because it brought the community, staff, and students together."

-Trina Proctor

"I know that one day I will reap great rewards from my nursing education at Dillard University."

-Qiana Thomas



▲ During the Science and Technology honor's class, Sophomore **Jean-Luc Pierite** and **Dr. David Organ** discuss one of our upcoming events while Sophomore **Laniya Sanchez** listens from afar.



▲ After the Dillard-Xavier basketball game, Sophomores **Kimberly Gafney**, **Tiambe Kuykendall**, **Letitia Dillard**, and **Brandis Griffith** pause to capture this memory on film.

"The Dillard-Xavier game is an activity that allows Dillard students to get together to support basketball team and school."

-Brandis Griffith



▲ When dee-jay **Roger Dickerson, Jr.** played "Souljah Rag" by Juvenile, Sophomores **Sheila Williams** and **Marsha Bean** showed that they were "true soldiers."

"Midnight breakfast is good to have because it gives students an opportunity to relax, have fun and eat while allowing them to release stress"

-Sheila Williams



business and social sciences divisions...



**Alberta Ahiabor**  
JR:Economics  
Accra, Ghana Africa

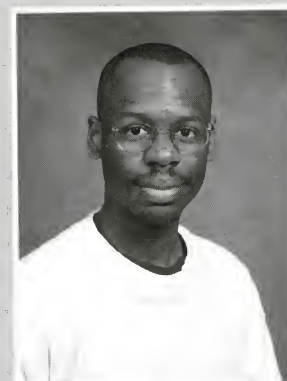


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FR:Business Mangt.  
Memphis, TN

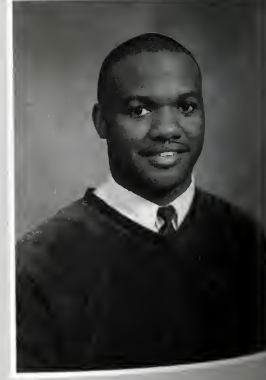


▲ Seniors Jay May, Cedric Cloud, and Larry Napoleon, Jr. representin' at Hampton University in Virginia.

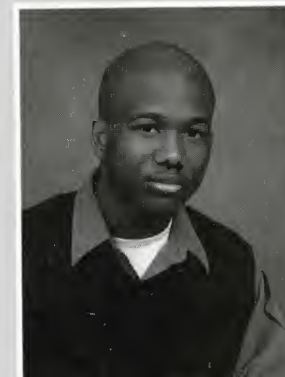
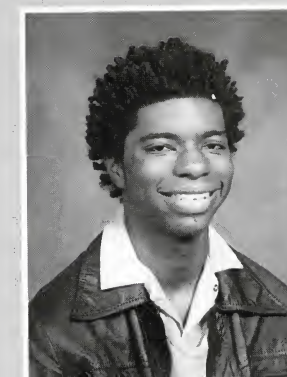
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Shreveport, LA  
**Kimya Babers**  
FR:Sociology/Criminal Justice  
St. Martinville, LA  
**Donise Banks**  
SO:Criminal Justice  
Alexandria, LA  
**DeCarla Barrow**  
JR:Economics  
Barbados, West Indies



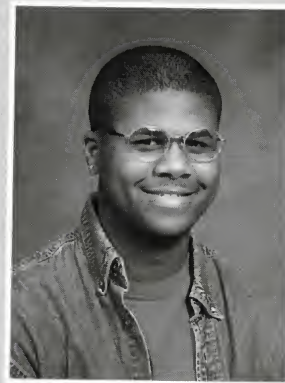
**Monique Bell**  
SO:Criminal Justice/Sociology  
San Antonio, TX  
**Aisha Bias**  
JR:Business Management  
New Orleans, LA  
**April Brooks**  
FR:Political Science  
Forrest City, AR  
**Mohamad Bukenya**  
FR:International Business  
New Orleans, LA



**Previn Butler**  
SO:Sociology  
Sacramento, CA  
**Mario Cassel**  
SO:Business Management  
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**Drucilla Chevis**  
JR: Accounting  
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FR: Political Science  
Tulsa, OK

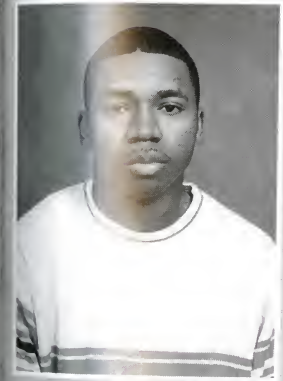


**Danielle Daniels**  
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**Roweena Davis**  
FR:Business Management  
Phoenix, AZ  
**Chante' Delone**  
SO:Sociology/Social Welfare  
Bayou Goula, LA  
**Letitia Dillard**  
SO:Business Management  
Chicago, IL



**Tamara Ellis**  
FR:Business Management  
San Antonio, TX  
**James Garland**  
FR:Urban Studies/Public Policy  
Lake Charles, LA  
**Joyce Gilmer**  
FR:International Business  
Shreveport, LA  
**Tabitha Golden**  
JR:Accounting  
New Orleans, LA

**Ryan Green**  
FR:Business Management  
Chicago, IL



**Brandi Griffin**  
FR:Business Managt./Arts  
Chicago, IL



◀ Junior  
**Brandon Wells**  
thrills the crowd  
during his  
spectacular  
imitation of  
Michael Jackson  
during the Delta  
Sigma Theta  
Talent Show.

**Demetris Gulley**  
JR:Accounting  
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**Kenya Harris**  
SO:Business Management  
Kansas City, KS

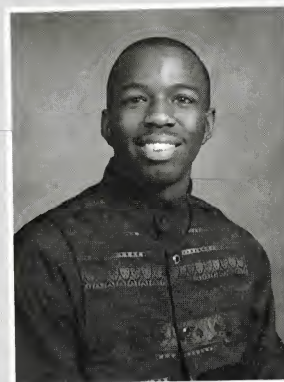




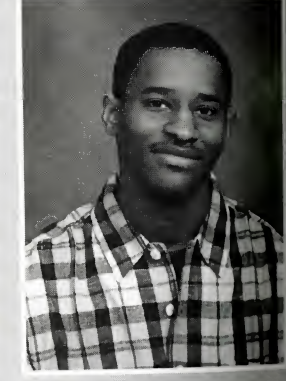
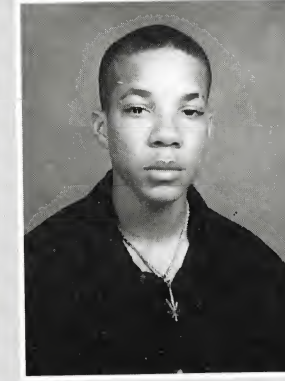
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**Glenda Ivey**  
FR:International Business  
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**Errollyn Jackson**  
FR:Political Science  
Baton Rouge, LA



**Twaski Jackson**  
FR:Business Management  
McComb, MS  
**Melissa Jones**  
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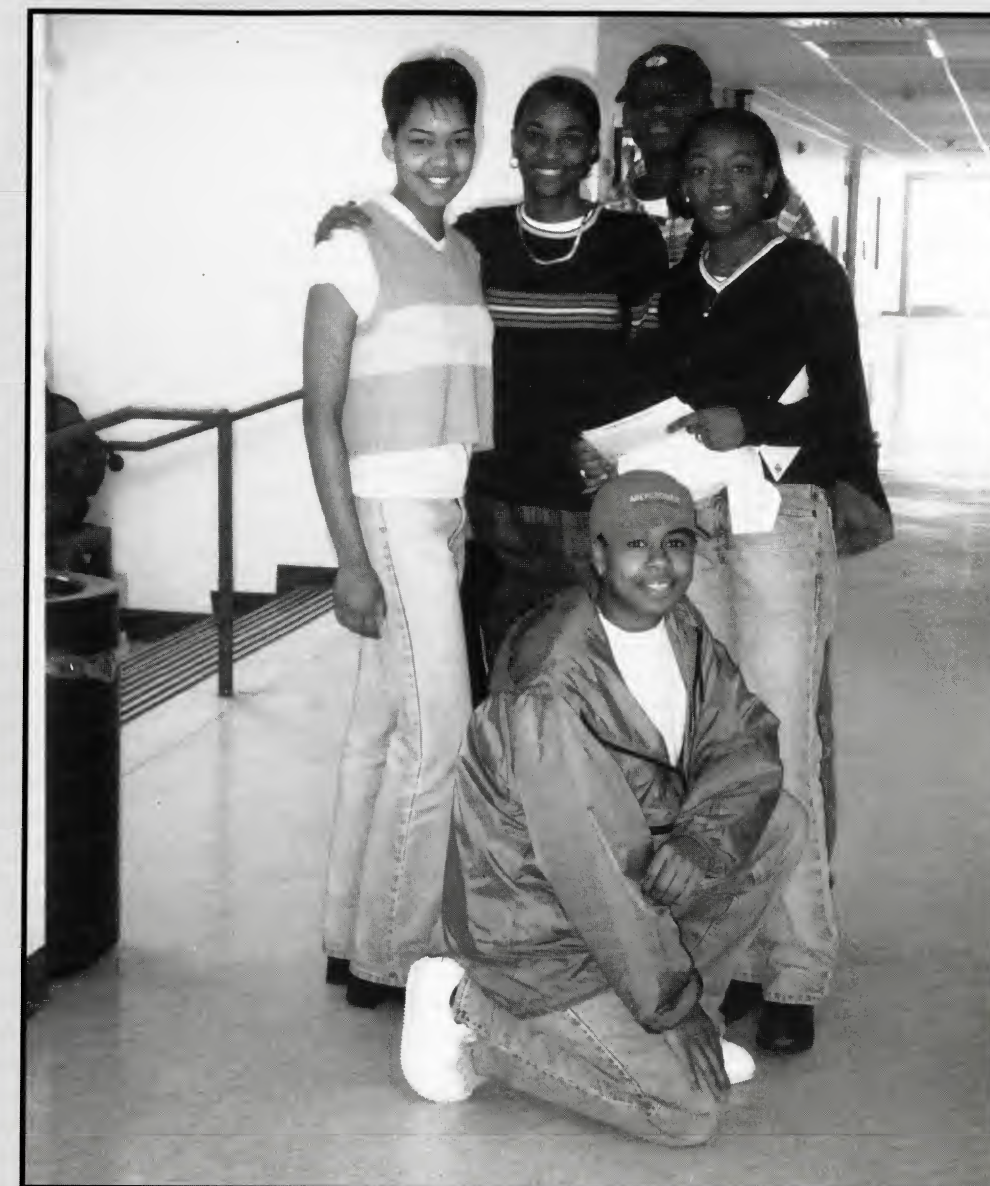
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**Dawn Landry**  
SO:Business Management  
New Orleans, LA  
**Ray Little**  
FR:Business Management  
Pomona, CA  
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SO:Accounting  
Shawnee Mission, KS



▲ Senior **Farai Kadzirange** flashes her business smile while serving as an usher during the Teacher Fair at Dillard University.



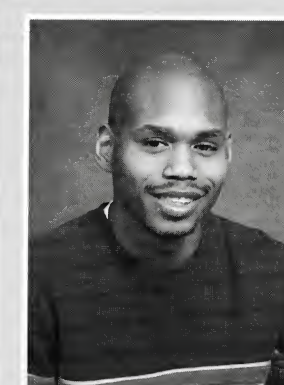
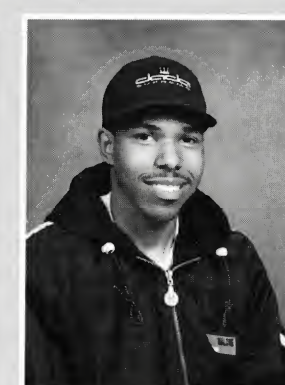
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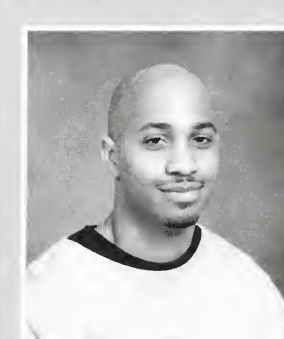
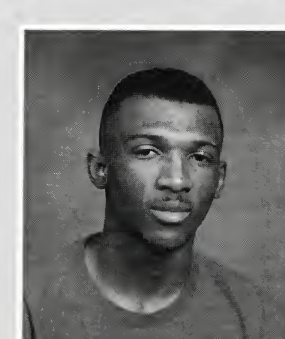
▲ Sophomores **Apris Johnson, DeCobia Gray, Latoya Cameron, Precious Johnson, and Kalishar Mitchell**, also known as *The Hartzell Hall Crew*, take a break between classes in Kearny Hall.



◀ Members of the musical sensation **Playa, Smoky Playa, Static Playa, and Black Playa**, pose for a quick snapshot along with Freshman **Joanna Kirby** during their visit to Dillard University.



**Jontue Matthews**  
SO:Business Management  
Houston, TX  
**Tamara Middleton**  
JR:Sociology/Social Welfare  
Tustin, CA  
**Edward Mitchell**  
SO:Sociology/Criminal Justice  
Dallas, TX  
**John-Clinten Ned**  
SO:Business Management  
Lafayette, LA



**Jacinta Owino**  
SO:Accounting  
Baltimore, MD  
**Michelle Reid**  
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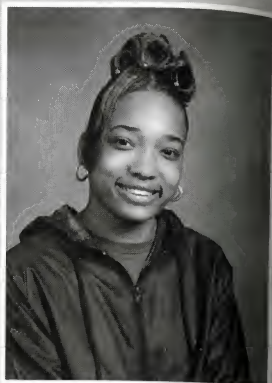




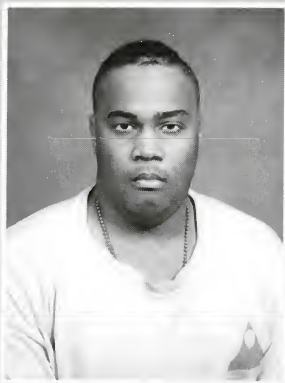
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**Karelia Stewart**  
FR:Political Science  
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**Torey Stewart**  
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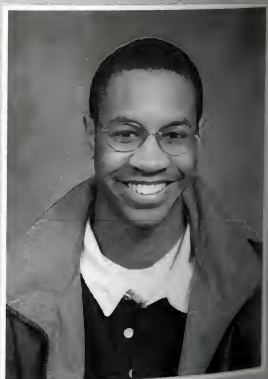
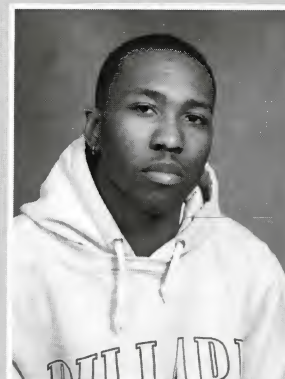


**Kyle Sylvester**  
SO:Political Science  
Glen Cove, NY  
**Yolanda Terrell**  
FR:Political Science  
Memphis, TN



▲ Senior **Ray Humphrey** takes a few moments during Dr. Vinturella's Operations and Production Mangement class to ponder his upcoming graduation.

**Brandi Walker**  
FR:Economics  
Houston, TX  
**Ca'Juan Washington**  
SO:Accounting  
New Orleans, LA  
**James Westerfield**  
SO:Business Management  
Harvey, LA  
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Jackson, MS



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FR:Accounting  
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**Lilshannon Williams**  
FR:Criminal Justice  
Thibodaux, LA  
**Eugenio Wilson**  
JR:Sociology/Social Welfare  
Harvey, LA  
**Lakeshia Young**  
SO:Political Science  
Shreveport, LA



# Embarrassing Moments...



▲ Kearny Terrace is a great place on campus to find students. It is also the worst place to make any type of mistake. However, one Saturday morning, that is exactly what happened to Freshman **Robin Burnett-Wynn** when she fell from the patio.

Common phrases such as "y'all didn't see that...see, what had happened was...I meant to do that," and more can be heard every day as embarrassing moments take place every minute. Learning how to "play off" mistakes is something many of us have mastered by the time we have reached college. However, sometimes mistakes could not be covered up, and they just happened to be caught on film.



▲ Junior **Jason Stewart** and Sophomore **Jason Broussard** had a lot of fun chillin' after a basketball game. Fellow Freshman **Alicia Sykes** had a good time as well, even though she almost fell off of Jason's back.



▲ When Freshman **Erika Hatcher** almost pushed Junior **Jason Stewart** into the bushes, it was a perfect Kodak moment.



▲ When President Lomax had bushes placed around the Kearny patio in order to beautify the campus, he definitely did not have this in mind. Somehow, Freshman **Africa Harris** managed to slip, fall, and become a part of the new campus scenery.

One day I walked around campus all day with my zipper undone.

Say What?!?!?